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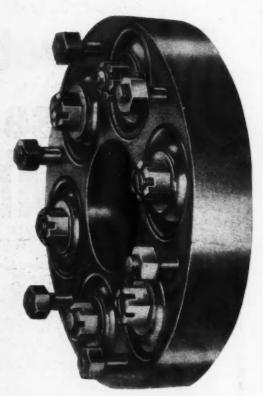
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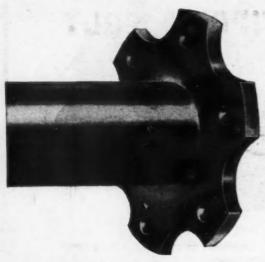
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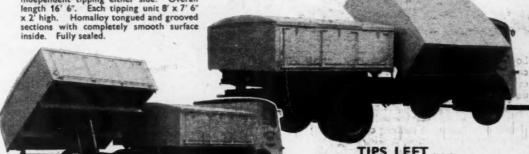
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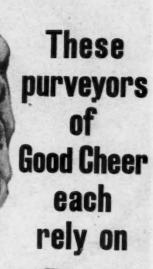
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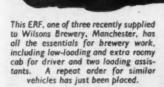


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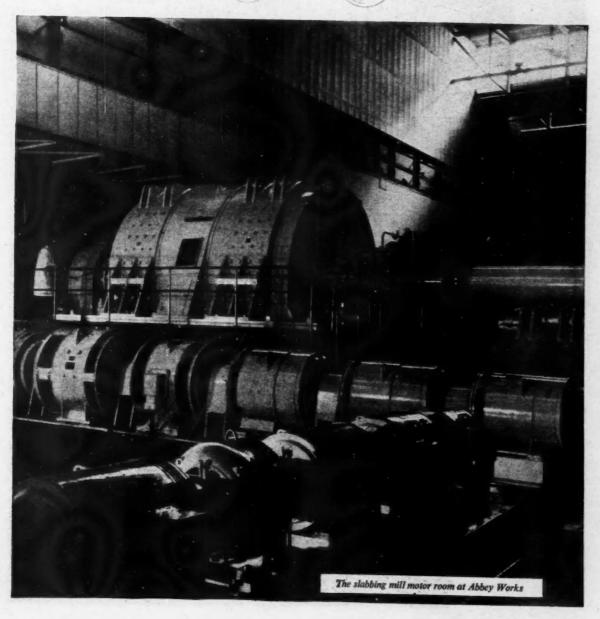
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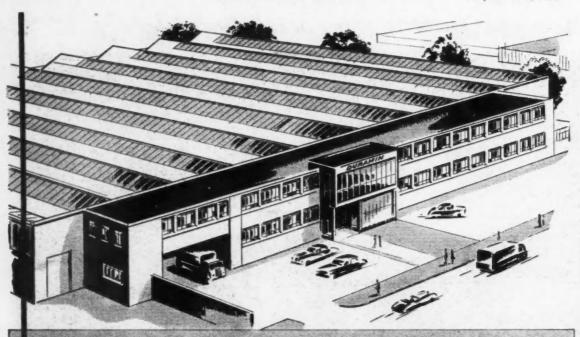
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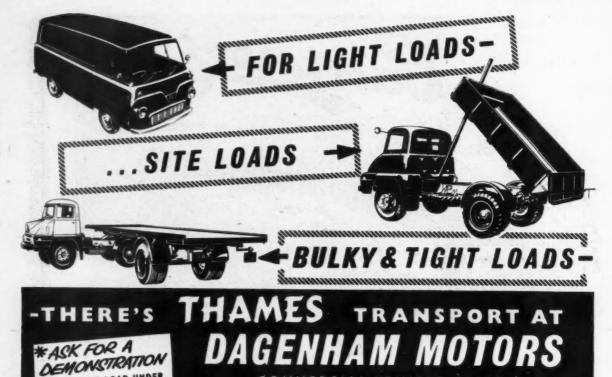
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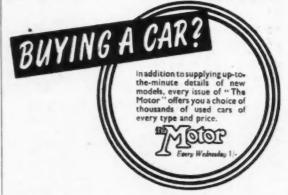


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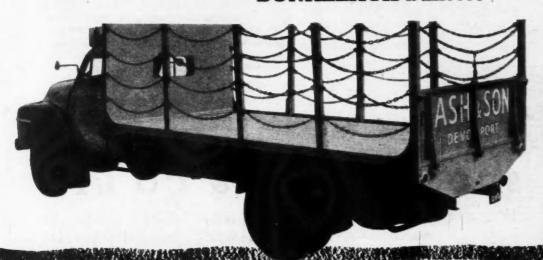
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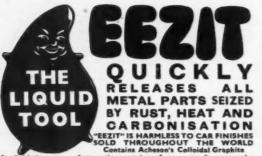
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Seats of Influence

ANUFACTURERS of commercial vehicles are now recognizing the importance of the driver. He is able to influence the selection of

vehicles and his opinion of his mount is reflected in his handling of it. If he is provided with a comfortable, light, airy "workshop" he is likely to approach his job with enthusiasm and he will treat his vehicle sympathetically, with a corresponding reduction in operating costs. Moreover, his loyalty will be drawn to the particular make that he handles.

This simple lesson in psychology is at last being learned by manufacturers. The latest designs of cab, to be seen at Earls Court in three weeks' time, show a keen appreciation of the influence that the driver can exert. Some of them approach luxury-car standards in their appointments, and even an electric razor can be supplied as an extra.

Interior colour schemes are receiving greater attention, as well they should. The important psychological effects of colour in a workshop are well known, and in some of the most enlightened factories great skill has been exercised in producing schemes of decoration that draw the best effort from workers. Similar considerations apply to the commercial-vehicle driver, but with even greater force, for he is in charge of a potentially dangerous machine and his mental outlook is of the utmost importance.

Cleanliness Encouraged

White-rimmed steering wheels-trivial items in themselves-help to stimulate pride in cleanliness. This attitude of mind is to be encouraged, particularly in drivers of vehicles carrying foodstuffs. The cab of every meat vehicle, for instance, should be as clean as the load compartment, with its sterile surfaces.

One of the leading producers of quick-frozen food has gone so far as to employ consultants not only to design the exterior appearance of his vehicles, but to produce drivers' uniforms that blend with the colour and style of the vans and are cut to suit the kind of work that the men do. This is counsel of perfection, but the idea behind it is capable of reasonable interpretation in any sphere of road transport. The driver is his employer's ambassador, and his working conditions justify the closest attention.

Latest Cab Designs Reflect Appreciation of the Importance of the Driver

There has been a marked improvement in the all-round range of vision from cabs, and the latest trend is towards paired headlights to reduce strain on the

driver at night. Heating and demisting equipment is now accepted as commonplace, and twin windscreen wipers are, mercifully, standard on most vehicles. It is, indeed, surprising that there should be any model left on which only one windscreen wiper is provided. The driver who has not a clear view of the road, whether the weather is wet or dry, is inherently dangerous, although through no fault of his own.

Perfection has not yet, however, been reached in ease of access to cabs. This is particularly important in local-delivery vehicles and has been the subject of fierce criticism by operators. Some otherwise admirable vehicles have been made useless for shop delivery because it is too difficult for the driver to get into and out of the cab.

Pressure by Operators

With the pinch of competition, however, manufacturers are more willing to listen to complaints, and it may well be that the near future will see a marked improvement in design. Indeed, some of the Show models will reveal the influence of operators' opinion.

Seating has already reached a high standard of comfort, but cabs have tended to be draughty. This is a matter which is beginning to receive proper attention. It affects the health of drivers and efficient draught sealing is as much in the interests of the operator as of the worker.

Altogether, the Commercial Motor Show will open up a vision of feather-bedded drivers. But only the best is good enough for loyal, efficient workers, and commercial-vehicle drivers have earned the improvements that the latest models promise in their conditions of employment.

Enterprising manufacturers do not, however, rely solely on their products to earn the goodwill of drivers. They seek to establish good personal relations through clubs, the sympathetic reception of drivers who call at the works to collect vehicles, and in other ways. The mass producers seem to show the keenest appreciation of driver psychology, which may be one of the reasons why they are capturing business from the specialist makers.

Survival of the "Poorest"?

HERE is an old saying that what Lancashire does today the rest of the country does tomorrow. If this is still true, a volte-face by Bolton Town Council may have widespread repercussions, to the benefit of many

municipal transport undertakings.

The council have announced their desire to amend their development plan, which is not in itself of obvious importance. The proposed amendment, however, concerns an 11-acre slum-clearance site in the town originally scheduled for industrial purposes, the greater portion of which the council now wish to employ for re-housing the people who are living in the property to be demolished there. The reason for the proposed change is that tenants in local slum-clearance areas have shown an increasing reluctance to be re-housed on the outskirts of the town, mainly because of the long journeys involved.

Prim and proper suburbia, with its trim gardens and semi-rural atmosphere, is not wanted by people who,

like their forebears from the Industrial Revolution onwards, have lived their lives in dark, narrow streets of terraced houses, backyards and no gardens. Whether the idealists like it or not, these people want to stay where they are.

Bolton's reversal of its original policy is commendably realistic. Other town councils, and particularly their

transport committees, should take notice.

Do the slum-dwellers who are now helping to fill municipal buses really want to live out of town-in another bus operator's territory? Will they pay the extra fare to continue to work at the factory in whose shadow they have lived for years, or will they find other jobs near their new homes? Is it wise to reduce their temptation to leave the television set for an evening at the films by adding five miles to their bus journey?

The working man may yet rescue municipal transport from some of its difficulties. It is not for nothing that the bus is known as the "poor" man's car.

Passing Comments

Men of Decision Needed

AN engineer or designer is often called upon to make decisions ranging from quite simple matters to major operations in design. Is he willing to face these, or does he let a higher executive make the final decision? An interesting opinion from America is to the effect that the willingness to make decisions is that country's greatest national need. This is probably just as true of any other

If the boss is always "allowed" to do it, then there is a drift towards a state of apathy in which there is no personal urge or profit motive always to do something better. "Passed to you, please" ends the personal responsibility and may, in fact, delay a desired decision

indefinitely.

Lamp Design and Dazzle

DESIGNERS of lamps for motor vehicles, particularly headlights and those for use in fog, are faced with many problems, for whilst providing adequate illumination, dazzle and stray upward light must, if possible, be eliminated.

The approach by different makers is basically the same. Where the light must be directed down and ahead-as opposed to spotlights with pencil beams-a fluted, or partly fluted, lens is employed. This bends the light downwards.

With various designs of lens and reflector, a variety of different beam shapes can be produced, whilst dazzle is largely overcome by dipping.

Possibly, the effectiveness of a particular type is best assessed in the "dipped" position, the factors being whether there is sufficient width and range of light and if it be concentrated where most needed.

In fog a wide spread seems best, so that the driver can see both the kerb and the road centre. A low, flat beam also gives better penetration, but is restricted in range. Perhaps the best fog-lighting system includes the widespread beam of a fog lamp paired with a lamp giving a long-range pencil beam.

Undoubtedly, the most important object always is the avoidance of direct glare. The bulb sends light everywhere, over half being reflected and sent at the correct angle to the lens, but a proportion can escape, and will scatter. To avoid this makers have used a metal hood in front of the bulb, but the latest shallow lamp means that this must be very close, and the light reflected may overheat the bulb and reduce its life. One concern, Notek, have largely solved this difficulty by using a translucent blue cone moulded into the glass. They have also developed a fine adjustment, which allows the lamp to be reset rapidly to suit different weather conditions.

More Unified Screw Threads

THE use of Unified threads for precision bolts and nuts is increasing rapidly. This was shown by a recent survey made within the British fasteners industry. In particular, the motor and petroleum industries and agricultural engineers are all using large quantities. In other cases the change is occurring, but is more gradual.

There is no doubt that the Unified screw thread system is now one of the most important in the country and in the long run it will, no doubt, definitely displace Whitworth and B.S.F. threads. It has received strong support in Scandinavia and Holland, and at least one Swedish con-

cern has changed from metric threads.

On the Continent, however, metric threads will always be the first choice and the countries using these are following the example of America, Britain and Canada in unifying their standards, which have hitherto differed from country to country.

In Britain twice as many precision bolts and nuts of all grades, and machine screws of 4-in. diameter and larger, are sold with Unified threads, as compared with Whitworth or B.S.F., whilst there is an increasing demand for these

for black bolts.

During June, at the fourth plenary session of the International Standards Organization, held at Harrogate and attended by men from 38 countries, it was recommended

A24

This 19-year-old E.R.F. lorry, which has covered more than 582,000 miles, brings 9 tons of corn daily from Liverpool to Huddersfield. It hauled a trailer for four years.

to the Organization council that there should be two internationally recognized systems-the Unified inch series of threads, already widely established wherever the decimal inch is the engineering unit of measurement, and the newly agreed metric series of pitch-diameter combinations, which is to be adopted by metric countries.

There was much evidence from America and Canada to show that in both countries Unified screw threads had completely superseded the old American national coarse and fine series. It is therefore certain that industries seeking sales in North America will benefit if they follow this example in equipment they offer.

On to the Million

OVERHAULING an E.R.F. lorry, Messrs. R. H. Kilner, of Honley, found that after 582,000 miles the David Brown four-speed gearbox was in a suitable condition for refitting in company with the reconditioned engine. In 19 years' continuous use, the box has required the replacement of only two selector springs.

The E.R.F., which is owned by Samuel Drake and Sons, Ltd., Honley, has a Gardner five-cylindered engine and has largely been engaged on regular runs on five days a week, travelling empty from Huddersfield to Liverpool and returning with 9 tons of corn in sacks. For four years it pulled a 7-ton trailer on the same trip. Throughout its life the lorry has been almost exclusively in the hands of one driver. Both the manufacturers and the driver are to be congratulated on this performance.

Still Spritely at 23

STILL going strong after 23 years' service are four tractors operated by R. Silcock and Sons, Ltd., Liverpool. These International Industrial 20 models were acquired when the company progressed from steam vehicles in 1935, and today they look far from retirement age. Excellent for manœuvring bulky trailers with 16-ton loads in confined spaces, the Internationals each move about 100 tons a day-and in their spare time they are used for shunting railway wagons in Silcock's private sidings.

At the height of the U-boat campaign in the 1939-45 war the Ministry of Agriculture borrowed them for farm work, and they did yeoman service in Shropshire until they were demobilized" in 1945. Now they are working just as hard to earn their keep, still costing little in maintenance.

and looking and running as well as ever.

One Hears

That the only "holiday" of many "boss" is a conference.

That it was imagination that enabled man to "extend" his thumb by inventing the vice.

That it was also this that encouraged him to lengthen and strengthen his arm by inventing the hammer.

That since then someone invented the spanner which has been thrown into so many works.

That a new electronic device will automatically light the lamps of a vehicle when darkness falls.

Of an American seat cushion with a battery-operated neck-massage roll device at the top to stimulate tired drivers.



That petroleum products are in over-production in the U.S.A.

That this is partly due to the increase made during the Middle East oil crisis of 1956-57, which was not tapered off sufficiently rapidly.

That spare tyre-valve cores on a motor vehicle are far more valuable than the apple variety.

That the coal wasted as smoke almost balances the amount we buy abroad--at a cost of £72m.

That Perkins are actually selling their 1.6-litre oil engines to Germany, as well as to many other countries.

That used pistons, unless broken or cracked, can be reconditioned by re-sizing, trueing grooves and re-ringing.

That some municipal councils, forgetful of wartime experience, have abandoned the salvage of much valuable refuse.

Normal User Comes Home to Roost in Scotland

SCOTTISH hauliers retaliated against British Railways over the question of normal user, this week, by putting up stiff opposition to the railways' request for new A licences. Mr. W. D. Connochie, for a number of the objectors, said the railways had forced the issue of a strict normal user, and now it was their turn to prove need.

He claimed that there was no evidence to support the user which was being requested for 148 vehicles and 129 trailers operating from 26 bases round Aberdeen. This was: "All classes and descriptions of goods within a 20-mile radius, mainly for the collection and delivery of rail-borne traffic."

Mr. D. Brown, for the applicants, opened by submitting that nine of the objectors should be disqualified, seven because they had given no description of the licences held, and two because they held only B licences. Mr. Alex. Robertson, Scottish Deputy Licensing Authority, ruled that the B-licensees should not be heard, but that the remainder could take part as non-statutory objectors.

Mr. J. W. Barr, Aberdeen district transport superintendent, said they were operating with the minimum number of vehicles required. Some regular country services had to be covered whether vehicles were full or not. They did carry non-rail traffic, but this was part of the overall facilities provided to customers.

Subject to space being available they would not refuse to serve non-rail customers. The total traffic carried in the Aberdeen district in 1957 was more than 500,000 tons, including 480,072 parcels, of which nearly 21,000 tons was not rail-borne.

Apart from bulk traffics, private hauliers could not supply the specialized vehicles required. With their own vehicles, the railways could promise customers "assured deliveries."

Bigger Radius Needed

Cross-examined by Mr. Connochie, Mr. Barr said that for flexibility they must have a bigger radius than appeared necessary.

Mr. Connochie replied that the railways really wanted A licences, not a collection and delivery service. No other haulier in the area had A licences for this work, so the normal user would have to be justified for each of the 26 bases. He said 27 of the vehicles on the Aberdeen licence were substituted for 54 horses in 1953, none of which had a radius of anything like 20 miles. At Torphins, the main work was the carriage of coal, and at Ballater transport was undertaken for a distillery. In both cases only a small radius was needed, and in a number of other instances the work did not justify the user applied for.

Questioned by Mr. Robertson, Mr. Barr said the carriage of non-rail traffic was mainly done to oblige existing rail customers. Mr. Robertson commented that the figures showed that about £20,000 was earned through this sort of work in each of the years 1955, 1956 and 1957, so it did not look as though the railways were filching traffic from Aberdeen hauliers.

Mr. A. Campbell, cartage representa-

tive for Scotland, said that although many vehicles were operating within a smaller radius, 20 miles was a convenient overall arrangement to allow flexibility.

Mr. G. Strachan, commercial clerk at Aberdeen, said 101 stations had to be covered from the 26 bases, and the vehicles were fully employed even if they were not always fully laden. Under cross-examination he agreed that many of the vehicles did not cover a radius of 20 miles, particularly the mechanical horses on town work.

Mr. Connochie submitted that British Railways were no longer in a privileged position and had to be treated in the same way as private hauliers. If other applicants had to detail tonnages, and collections and deliveries for each base, the railways must follow suit. All the bases applied for were within about 10 miles of each other and many vehicles were not covering that distance.

If normal user were to mean anything the time had come for the Licensing Authority to impress on the railways that they could have a licence to cover only what the vehicles were doing. The objectors opposed the grant of one licence covering all 26 bases unless other operators were to be allowed the same facility.

"No Detailed Evidence"

No detailed evidence had been put forward to justify the number of vehicles required or the 20-mile radius, and the application should be refused unless it were altered.

After being told that separate licences preventing transfers between bases would cause inconvenience, Mr. Robertson said he proposed to grant one licence.

Mr. Brown told him that, with certain reservations, the railways were prepared to amend the normal user by deleting the reference to 20 miles and adding the name of each base followed by "and district." Mr. Robertson welcomed this move, declaring that no case had been proved for 20 miles.

To this, Mr. Connochie said the amendment in no way affected the objectors' submission that the application should be refused.

Mr. Robertson replied that, after careful consideration, he was prepared to grant the application with the amended normal user. British Railways should bear in mind that any major deviation could be dealt with by revocation or suspension.

Alexander's Take Half Interest in Rhind's

A HALF-SHARE interest in the transport side of John Rhind (Haulage Contractors), Ltd., has been acquired by Charles Alexander and Partners (Transport), Ltd. A new company, John Rhind Transport, Ltd., has been formed with a capital of £100,000 and headquarters at the Ice Rink, Aberdeen.

John Rhind Transport, Ltd., have 19 vehicles, based in Aberdeen, in addition to approximately 30 in Glasgow and London. The new company will use Alexander's depots in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

The Commercial Motor was told on Tuesday that there was in no sense an amalgamation between the two companies and reports to that effect published in Scotland were untrue. Although Alexander's have an interest in John Rhind, the reverse is not the case.

2 PER CENT. MORE C-LICENSEES: 31 PER CENT. MORE VEHICLES

NCREASES of about 2 per cent. in C-licensees and nearly 3½ per cent. in C-licence vehicles occurred in the year to June last. There are now 514,202 operators with 1,082,855 vehicles, according to Ministry of Transport statistics.

There was an expansion in each class of vehicle, except those of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 tons and 2-2½ tons unladen, in which a steady decline has been taking place for some time. Details are as follows:—

	June, 1958	June, 1957	Difference
Operators	541,202	530,714	10,488
Vehicles: Up to 1½ tons 1½—2 tons 2—2½ tons 2—2½ tons 3—4 tons 4—5 tons 5—6 tons Over 6 tons	669,702 91,190 109,242 126,400 49,060 17,756 8,410 11,095	641,153 92,125 113,135 124,940 42,390 15,951 7,632 9,812	+ 28,549 - 935 - 3,893 + 1,460 + 6,670 + 1,805 + 778 + 1,283
Totals	1,082,855	1,047,138	+ 35,717

THREE-YEAR LICENCES

ALL drivers, other than learners, whose surnames begin with A-N inclusive, will now be required to take out 15s. three-year driving licences when they apply for renewals. Other drivers will continue to receive 5s, one-year licences until August 31 next year. Any driver, whatever his surname, will have to take out a three-year licence if he is applying for the first time.

B.R.S. CUT DOWN USER

IT was expected that when B.R.S. (Parcels), Ltd., applied to the Scottish Deputy Licensing Authority at Aberdeen yesterday for the renewal of A licences for bases at Aberdeen, Dundee, Methil and Elgin, they would amend their normal user. They sought "mainly parcels—smalls in Great Britain." They were expected to amend that description to specific localities.

Hauliers Losing Money Through Carelessness in Applications

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BECAUSE of badly prepared applications, which sometimes result in two or three adjournments, hauliers are losing thousands of pounds every year. In many cases these applications would be perfectly sound if they were put forward properly, yet operators have to incur heavy expenditure on advocates and accountants, usually because their figures are not detailed

At Liverpool, last week, I saw two examples of these deficiencies in applicants' cases. Both applications concerned A licences, but in each case an adjournment was ordered by the North Western Deputy Licensing Authority, Mr. J. R.

He heard first an application by Mr. M. Smith, Liverpool, who operates two vehicles on A licence. Mr. Smith wanted a new licence on the ground that there had been a material change in the nature of his business.

On his behalf, Mr. E. A. Whitehead said the existing normal user was "general goods within 25 miles of base" but, since denationalization, work outside this radius had been growing and it now made up 25-30 per cent. of Mr. Smith's operations. The Transport Tribunal had never laid down what a " material change" was, but after the Knight appeal Mr. Smith thought it proper to seek a new licence for "general goods, South Wales, London and Southern Scotland."

R.H.A. Blamed

When Mr. Smith was questioned about the figures he had produced, he said the Road Haulage Association had told him that only 12 months' figures were needed. It was not until the day before the hearing that he had been told by his solicitor that two years' figures were required.

Objecting for British Railways, Mr. A. W. Balne declared that the figures did not help because there was no distinction between long- and short-distance earnings and tonnages, and there were several obvious inaccuracies. He added that the user being applied for indicated that a complete change of work had taken place, but Mr. Smith had admitted that what he wanted was a licence for general goods within 25 miles, with occasional journeys to South Wales, London and Southern Scotland. This was a significant difference.

Adjourning the hearing, Mr. Lindsay said the figures were "very unsatisfactory." The court relied on the accuracy of accountants' certificates, but in this case there was a number of discrepancies which required explanation. added that he did not blame Mr. Smith, but there had to be proper figures on which an applicant could be crossexamined.

The second case involved Southern's Removals), Ltd., Wallasey, who wanted to add a pantechnicon to their two-Mr. Whitehead vehicle A licence. explained that the vehicle in question was already on contract-A licence to Pools Central Warehouses, Ltd., who would agree to surrender it if the application were granted.

When Mr. T. Southern, a director, produced figures of earnings, Mr. Lindsay pointed out that there was no distinction between A, B and contract vehicles. It was impossible to determine what work was being done, yet the company wanted to secure an extra vehicle. Proper figures would have to be produced.

From the evidence given in these two cases, and in many others recently, it would appear that the position could be improved by better co-operation between R.H.A. members, their solicitors and accountants.

Some R.H.A. areas and sub-areas have excellent schemes for acquainting their members with what is required at the traffic court, but too often this evidence is inadequately prepared through poor

H.P. CHARGES CUT

OWER charges for the hire purchase of vehicles have recently been arranged between motor manufacturers and certain finance companies. Lower scales of interest for the purchase of Ford vehicles came into force on Monday. The maximum recommended charges are 7 per cent, for 12 months, 11 per cent, for 18 months and 15 per cent. for two years.

United Dominions Trust, Ltd., have been observing these scales since August 19 for new vehicles of all makes.

B.S. Williams Win Battle with Southdown

A BITTER dispute between B. S. Williams, Ltd., Emsworth, and Southdown Motor Services, Ltd., has been resolved by the Minister of Transport in an appeal decision issued on Tuesday. Despite a recommendation to the contrary by Mr. A. N. C. Shelley, the inspector who heard the appeal by B. S. Williams, he has allowed that company to introduce certain intermediate fares on a stage service from Petersfield to Stedham.

In his decision, he says he did not attach weight to the evidence offered by either side on the history leading up to the present differences between the fares authorized to Williams and Southdown. He considered the case on its present

In the absence of intermediate stages, Williams' current fares were affording protection to Southdown. He recognized that protective fares were sometimes justified, but they should not authorized without good cause.

In the present case they caused little public inconvenience, but their removal would do no harm to Southdown, so he has ordered the South Eastern Traffic Commissioners to allow Williams to charge intermediate fares.

The Minister comments on the introduction of additional evidence at an appeal inquiry. He says that if it is desired to do so, the Minister and the other parties should be told in advance.

Lo.T.A. COMPETITION

A PPLICATION forms are obtainable from the secretary of the Institute of Traffic Administration, Dudley House, Southampton Street, London, W.C.2, for the Institute's 1959 essay competition. Competitors will be required to deliver their papers at a meeting and be questioned upon them. First prize is £25 in cash and books to the value of £10.

Works Services: Contract Important

THE award of a contract to an operator to run a service under an assisted travel scheme is a material factor when deciding between competing applicants for a road service licence. Any claim put forward on that ground should be given substantial weight, says an appeal decision issued on Tuesday by the Minister of Transport.

He has upheld an appeal by Godfrey Abbott Motor Tours against the refusal the North Western Traffic Commissioners to grant them express services from Stretford, Sale and Timperley to

Abbott's also appealed against the granting of the services to the North Western Road Car Co., Ltd., whose licences the Minister has ordered to be revoked. He has done so on the recommendation of Mr. J. M. Glen, the inspector who heard the appeals.

The Minister points out that claims based on grounds other than the existence of a contract must be given consideration. North Western Road Car argued that they should be allowed to run the services because they provided unremunerative stage services in the neighbourhood.

He recognizes the importance of the Commissioners' observations on this point and their concern about the cumulative effects of granting licences for services of this kind to operators engaged primarily on contract-carriage work. North Western Road Car did not, however, rebut the case of Godfrey Abbott, who had been running the service before it required to be licensed and held a contract to operate it.

During the inquiry there was an argument as to whether the services in question should be regarded as stage or express. The Minister thinks that fares paid by individual passengers are those to be taken into account, and not the sum paid for hiring a coach or sub-divisions of that amount.

Men in the News

Mr. W. G. Goff, personnel manager at Fort Dunlop since 1945, retires at the end of this month after 44 years with the Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd.

MR. W. L. BAKER, manager of the metal-finishing division of the Pyrene Co., Ltd., has retired after 30 years with the company. His successor is Mr. H. A. HOLDEN, who has been in the division for many years.

MR. A. E. SMITH has been elected chairman of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Section of the Institute of Transport. Vice-chairmen are MR. W. J. MAYO and MR. C. O. T. PURCELL, with MR. W. J. Evans as treasurer. Secretary is Mr. W. F. COOPER.

MR. ERIC GOUGH and MR. TOM FRENCH, of the Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd., will give a talk on tyres and skidding from the European point of view at the first international conference on skid prevention at the University of Virginia, West Virginia, this month.

MR. W. T. R. BRIDGES has been appointed managing director of the City Motor Co. (Oxford), Ltd., in succession to the late MR. NORMAN F. JONES. He has been a director since 1944, and became deputy managing director 11 years ago. The new deputy is Mr. Jones's son, Mr. V. F. N. Jones, who was appointed to the board in 1955.

MR J. D. SLATER, secretary of Park Royal Vehicles, Ltd., has joined the board of A.C.V. Sales, Ltd., following the appointment of Mr. E. R. HOLLANDS as director and general manager. Mr. L. C. Parsons, secretary and accountant of A.C.V. Sales, has taken over for Park Royal, and he is replaced by MR. J. FORD, previously secretary of A.E.C., Ltd.

MR. J. C. H. TWALUN has been appointed a director of the E.N.V. Engineering Co., Ltd.

Mr. G. N. VANSITTART who, as reported in The Commercial Motor on August 15, is retiring at the end of this month from the chairmanship of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., was on Monday appointed a director of R. H. Neal and Co., Ltd.

MR. J. A. GIBBONS, works manager of Scammell Lorries, Ltd., is to retire towards the end of this month after nearly 40 years with the company. He joined them when Scammell vehicles were launched, and became works manager in

MR. B. G. JOHNSON has been appointed Glasgow manager of Pirelli, Ltd., and Mr. J. O. HEBDITCH has become special representative for the company's commercial tyre division. Pirelli's chief executive for tyre sales. Mr. H. A. PARSON, has now left hospital after an operation.

MR. E. LUSCOTT-EVANS, advertising manager of Girlings, Ltd., and MR E. S. H. JANES, assistant general advertising manager of the Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd., will be among the speakers and officials at a conference organized by the Advertising Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland from September 19-21.

SIR LEONARD LORD was last week appointed executive chairman of the British Motor Corporation. Mr. G. W. HARRIMAN became sole managing director. Sir Leonard has been chairman and managing director since 1952, and Mr. Harriman, deputy chairman and a joint managing director since 1956. Sir Leonard said last week that it was desirable that the offices of chairman and managing director should be separated.

"Commissioners' Decision Illogical"

A DECISION by the Yorkshire Traffic Commissioners, refusing them permission to operate excursions Skegness, Southport and Bridlington, was contested last week by Wetton and Sons, Brimington, near Chesterfield. Their appeal was heard by a Ministry of Transport inspector, Mr. P. Harold

For Wetton's, Mr. J. Mellor said the Commissioners had been illogical in their decision. They were asked to approve 19 additional destinations, together with a longer period for an extended tour to Blackpool, and British Railways objected only to the three destinations in question and the Blackpool application.

As a result, the three excursions were refused, although there were no alternative facilities, other than the railways. Wetton's were the sole operators in an area with 18,000 people, and their evidence was unimpeachable.

Mr. T. B. Atkinson, for the railways, said he strongly supported the Commissioners' decision. Mr. Wetton's A28

evidence had been useless because he had merely answered "yes" and "no to leading questions by his solicitor most of the time. Nearly all his work was on a private party basis, which suggested that people in his area preferred this type of operation.

Wetton's had indulged in "flights of fancy " and exaggerated the need. In fact, the chairman of the Commissioners had rebuked Mr. Wetton for wasting time in giving his evidence.

Mr. Harold closed the inquiry to make his report.

C LICENCE SUSPENDED

FOR persistently ignoring the licensing regulations, David A. Lawson (Thrums), Ltd., Hillhead, Kirriemuir, had one of their four C licences suspended for three months by the Scottish Licensing Authority last week. It was stated that the company had been fined a total of £833 since last November for licensing offences.

Fewer Passengers, But £29,738 Surplus

DESPITE serious setbacks throughout the year, Rotherham Transport Department made a net surplus of £29,738 in the year ended March 31 last. The number of passengers declined by 2.49m., and in the past two years more than 4m, passengers have been lost. Last year's total figure of 56.76m, was the lowest in 10 years.

In his annual report, Mr. I. O. Fisher. general manager, says that any further increase in the number of private cars will aggravate congestion, particularly in the centre of Rotherham. He denies that bus stops are the main cause. He says that congestion occurs generally in places other than at bus stops.

in the past few years the department had helped to reduce congestion by substituting double-deckers for singledeckers. If single-deckers were now operated in the same proportion as 10 years ago, 57 more vehicles would be required, all of which would be engaged during peak periods.

"Uncontrolled pedestrian crossings and the indiscriminate parking of cars are, in my opinion, a greater evil than bus stands," he says.

Although total revenue rose by 1.37 per cent., and for the first time topped £800,000, it fell short of expectations. Operating expenditure rose by 5.17 per

cent. As a result of recognizing depreciation as a legitimate charge on trading and fixing fares accordingly, the department has been able during the year to meet capital expenditure of £34,035 for the renewal of vehicles.

There seems to be a big change looming in industry generally; no doubt if it matures it will bring into the passenger industry serious problems which will have to be resolved," Mr. Fisher have to be resolved," concludes.

[See "Profit and Loss," page 159.]

NEW BOARD TO START C.J.E. ON WAY TO PROFIT

NEW board has been set up to A control Coras Iompair Eireann, the road and rail transport undertaking which has until 1964 to start making a Chairman of the board is Dr. C. S. Andrews, former managing director of the Eire Turf Board, who took over on Monday " with an open mind."

On October 1, the Great Northern Railway in Eire will cease to exist, and C.I.E. will become responsible for its former operations. In Northern Ireland. the G.N.R. lines have been taken over by the Ulster Transport Authority.

Five C.I.E. directors-three outgoing members of the C.I.E. board and two members of the G.N.R. board—have been appointed to the new body for five years. To help them make the undertaking pay its way within six years, the Eire Government has allocated a grant of £1m. a year until 1964.

C.I.E. and U.T.A. will operate a joint Belfast-Dublin rail service, but it is expected that several lines will close.



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Haulier is Warned: "Behave Yourself"

A HAULIER applying for three new A-licence vehicles at Birmingham, last week, objected to the case being heard by Mr. W. P. James, West Midland Licensing Authority, and requested that his application should be dealt with by the Deputy Authority. He was Mr. G. E. White, Lawden Road, Birmingham, who said he wanted the vehicles mainly for furniture work.

Mr. White demanded that the hearing should be adjourned for six weeks as he was not in a position to present his case. He went on to allege that the issue was being treated as a private inquiry, as there were no other cases down for hearing. Warned by Mr. James to behave himself, Mr. White replied that he would go to the Transport Tribunal to get satisfaction.

Mr. James pointed out that he had received 11 letters from Mr. White concerning a licence which the Tribunal had restored to him, but which he had allowed to lapse. All these letters, which asked for the return of the licence disc, had been ignored, and Mr. James had even refused to accept registered letters.

He told Mr. White that, as he now had no continuity of licence, he would be treated as a newcomer and would have to produce evidence of need. The case would be adjourned for three weeks.

A large number of private hauliers objected, together with British Railways, British Road Services and B.R.S. (Pickfords), Ltd.

MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sale Bor Borough Council are to buy a sweeper, and Borough Council seek to buy a 3-ton

Argyll County Council require four Albion Chief-

tain forries.

Tottenham Cleansing Committee wish to buy a Thames lorry.

Estling Borough Council are to purchase three Bedford lorries.

Bedford lorries.
Gosport Corporation are recommended to buy
an S.D. refuse collector.
Rugby Corporation are advised to buy an Austin
152 from Sam Robbins, Ltd.
Workington Health Committee recommend the
purchase of a refuse collector.
Startford Rural District Council are to purchase
a Karrier Bantam refuse collector.
Caerphilly Urban District Council are to obtain
a Karrier Bantam refuse collector.
Eastbourne Highways Committee seek to obtain
four Dennis Paxit refuse collectors.

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refuse collector.

Darlington Corporation have accepted the tender of Minories Garages, Ltd., Darlington, for the supply of three tippers, Ltd., Darlington, for the supply of three tippers, Ltd.

Carmarthen Rural District Council are to purchase a refuse collector from W. Edwards and Sons (Carmarthen), Ltd.

Boldon Urban District Council have accepted the ender of Station Garages, Boldon, for the supply of an Austin 5-ton lorry.

Hampshire County Council require tenders for the supply of 10 Austin light vans, five 2-3-tonners, two 10-12-cwt, vehicles and three personnel carriers.

Bolton Transport Committee seek tenders for the supply of 18 double-deckers, The cleansing committee wish to buy a Karrier refuse collector from

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mittee wish to buy a Karrier refuse collector from Rootes, Ltd.

Durham Highways Committee wish to buy a Thames 5-cwt. van from Messrs. Metcaffes and a Bedford-Lactre sweeper from Adams and Gibbon, Ltd. The fire brigade committee propose to obtain an A-type and two B-type tenders and a dual-purpose appliance. The education committee wish to purchase a Commer 30-cwt, van from Minories Garages, Ltd.

Only One Witness to Prove Need

TOLD that there was a shortage of transport at Cheadle, near Stoke-on-Trent, the West Midland Licensing Authority, Mr. W. P. James, remarked last week that he would have expected to see many witnesses supporting an application by a haulier from that district. He was hearing a request by Mr. Thomas E. Kent, Cheadle, for a new B-licence to carry furniture within

Mr. Kent said he was a smallholder, but he wanted to take up part-time haulage work because there was a shortage of facilities in the area. At

present his lorry was on C licence.

Answering Mr. T. B. Atkinson, for British Railways and B.R.S. (Pickfords), Ltd., he admitted that it was a platform vehicle which would have to be fitted with a canvas frame. He said he had kept no records, but he was constantly being asked to undertake removals. An antique dealer was supporting the application.

Mr. Atkinson submitted that there was no case for 40 miles, although Pickfords would not object to furniture removals within 10 miles as their vehicles were nine miles away.

Mr. James granted a licence for furniture removals within 10 miles and sale-room and antique furniture within 12 miles

"Hauliers' Witnesses Not Always Helpful," Says Mr. Lindsay

TRADERS wanting to support hauliers in the traffic courts do not always send the right witnesses, Mr. J. R. Lindsay, North Western Deputy Licensing Authority, stated last week. He was hearing an adjourned application by Mr. K. Pack, Great Sankey, Warrington, for a new A licence.

One of the witnesses told Mr. Lindsay that, although his employers used Mr. Pack's vehicles, he was not himself directly responsible for transport.

Mr. E. A. Whitehead, for the applicant, said he operated two vans on special A licence, one of 1,650 cu. ft. capacity, and the other of 1,630 cu. ft. In the year ended July 31, 1957, turnover was £4,079, although for 10 months only one vehicle was operating. In 1958, the comparative figure was £8,270.

Although one important customer had been lost this year, additional work had been obtained, and Mr. Pack was required to undertake nine journeys to London and the Midlands each week. This was impossible with one vehicle, and he wanted an additional van.

Under cross-examination, Mr. Pack admitted that since the application was made he had lost a customer whose work amounted to £4,000 this year, but he claimed that a new customer, Kay Bros.

(Plastics), Ltd., were expected to make up this deficiency.

For Kay Bros., Mr. A. Smith said their business had trebled in the last 12 months, and they were tired of bad deliveries through goods having to be distributed as return loads. About half their output went by road, and they wanted to give Mr. Pack about three loads a week to the London area.

Mr. A. W. Balne, for the British Transport Commission, pointed out that certified figures showed 50 per cent. of Mr. Pack's total revenue had been lost, so the new work only made up for this.

Refusing the application, Mr. Lindsay said the evidence did not justify a vehicle of 10 tons capacity. Mr. Pack had carried only one load for Kay Bros. so far, and merely hoped to make up for lost business. Even assuming he did this, there was no evidence that his existing vehicles could not cope.

E.Y.M.S. FARE INCREASE?

HIGHER fares are being sought by East Yorkshire Motor Services, Ltd. They have applied to the Yorkshire Traffic Commissioners for permission to increase contract ticket rates by 121 per cent., and to put up ordinary single and return fares.

BEDFORD DISPLAY FIRE BRIGADE VEHICLES

BEDFORD hydraulically operated A turntable ladder will be shown for the first time at Torquay, on September 29, during the annual conference of the Institute of Fire Engineers and Chief Fire Officers. The Bedford, one of five on display, has a special 189-in. wheelbase chassis, with a 300-cu,-in, 133-b.h.p. petrol engine.

Also being shown for the first time will be a Bedford type B water tender mounted on a 4-ton 132-in. wheelbase forwardcontrol chassis with a 133-b.h.p. engine. Another water tender will have an allalloy body on a 120-in, wheelbase chassis, and there will be a four-wheel-drive tender which has undergone successful cross-country tests.

Completing the group will be a tender with an alloy and plastics body.

OVER 3m. TONS OF PETROL USED

CONSUMPTION of petrol in Britain during the first half of the year totalled 3,146,435 tons, of which 56.7 per cent. (1,783,841 tons) was of premium grade. Demand for oil fuel reached 991,853 tons.

Comparisons with the first six months of 1957 are vitiated by the existence then of rationing, although there was a 30.7per-cent, increase in the consumption of all kinds of petroleum product in the first half of this year.

Commercial consumers used 175,008 tons of premium-grade petrol, and 604,049 tons of standard grade from January-June this year.

"Subsistence Frauds a Common Practice"

FOR attempting to get 16s, subsistence allowance from his employers by false pretences. James T. Osgodby, haulage driver, of Boulevard, Hull, was fined £2 at Hull last week. He was fined a further £2 for falsifying his time-sheet.

Admitting both offences, Osgodby told the court it was a common practice among drivers to complete their journeys wherever possible without having to spend

nights away from home.

The magistrates were told that after taking a load to the Midlands for Humber Stores Contractors, Ltd., the man was expected to stay overnight at Bawtry so that he would not work excessive hours. However, an official of the company was suspicious and went to Osgodby's home, where he saw a lorry parked outside. The next day subsistence allowance was claimed for a night in Bawtry.

HIGHER FARES RULED OUT AT SOUTHPORT

ALTHOUGH Southport buses had a record deficit last year, the transport committee has decided not to recommend higher fares, the re-introduction of returns, or the operation of circular routes. This was reported to the council yesterday.

The committee has been considering the introduction of one-man buses on selected routes for experimental use, but the decision is that this move should be deferred pending a report by the transport manager on unremunerative services.

Despite the fact that the council have always opposed exterior advertising on buses, the committee suggest that this should now be allowed.

MOBILE SHOPS CRITICIZED

A PUBLIC inquiry into the question of mobile shops is being sought in Scotland by the Glasgow Grocers' and Provision Merchants' Association and East Kilbride Trades Association. They have told the Secretary of State for Scotland that mobile shops could ultimately kill normal trading operations because they discourage the creation of community shopping centres.

The associations want the mobile shops to be brought within the provisions of the Shops Act. They claim that already some established stores have had to close down because of this competition.

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Dock Troubles Cause Slump in Exports

EXPORTS in June of 6,860 commercial vehicles represented an artificially low level, as shipments were held up because of labour difficulties in the docks. A spokesman of the Society of Moter Manufacturers and Traders said that shipments of vehicles delayed in June would go to boost July's figures.

An aggregate of 66,110 vehicles to the value of £47,316,979 exported in the first half of the year compared with 65,935 vehicles worth £49,169,283 for the

first six months of 1957.

During June, 29,236 goods vehicles, road haulage tractors and special-type vehicles were produced, together with 166 battery-electrics. Total passenger-vehicle output was 778. Weekly average output was 6,036 of all types, making 30,180 for the month.

Of the goods vehicles, road haulage tractors and special types, 16,495 were of under 15-cwt. capacity, 6,714 from 15 cwt.-3 tons, 3,322 from 3-6 tons, and 2,705 over 6 tons. Of the passenger vehicles, 562 were single-deck and 172 double-deck motorbuses and 44 were trolleybuses.

In the six months ended June, 160,346 goods vehicles, road haulage tractors and special types were produced, made up of 86,444 vehicles of up to 15-cwt. capacity, 39,720 from 15 cwt.-3 tons, 19,488 from 3-6 tons, and 14,694 over 6 tons. In addition 961 battery-electrics were made.

Passenger - vehicle output comprised 4,798, of which 3,452 were single-deck and 1,214 double-deck motorbuses, and 132 were trolleybuses. The overall total for the six months was 166,105.

NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLE EXPORTS-JUNE

Туре	June		January—June	
1,700	No.	Value €	No.	Value £
Goods vehicles, complete and chassis, assembled and unassembled Motorbuses and trolleybuses, complete and chassis	5,762 358 26	3,639,239 619,830 78,689	57,723 2,937 316	35,281,719 5,331,130 915,863
Other descriptions, complete and chassis Dumpers and dump trucks Industrial trucks	680	111,277 100,489 125,443 239 855	495 — 4,639	1,337,460 1,752,613 1,152,149 1,546,045
Totals	6,860	4,914,822	66,110	47,316,979

Provincial Bus Pay: Move Expected

BOTH the Transport and General Workers' Union and the bus industry employers were this week expecting an early decision by the Minister of Labour on the 14s. 6d. a week pay claim put in by the provincial busmen. The Union have asked that the claim should be sent to the Industrial Disputes Tribunal. following their rejection of the employers' 5s. offer.

It is believed that the Minister has delayed his decision because he feels that methods of direct negotiation have not been fully explored. The Union's case is that they want their 100,000 members in the provinces to be equal to London Transport's country busmen in pay.

Last week. Birmingham Corporation reached agreement with the Union over an 8s. 6d. a week claim by their bus crews. Details were not announced. although a Union spokesman said they were "not dissatisfied."

NEW CLAIM BY ENGINEERING UNIONS?

A FTER the executives of the 40 unions in the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Enginering Unions have met at York next Thursday, they are likely to seek from the engineering employers an improvement on the offer of increased wages which was rejected last week.

The employers offered an extra 5s. 6d. a week for skilled men, 5s. for semi-skilled workers and 4s. 6d. for labourers, equal to about 3 per cent. They refused a claim for a 40-hour week and higher holiday pay. The unions rejected the

offer.

The employers' proposal was conditional upon the stabilization of wages for at least another year. They pointed out that a downward trend in engineering this year and next year was expected. It was no longer possible to pass on the cost of wage increases by raising prices.

They said that although under last year's award basic weekly wages were raised by 9s. to 11s., average earnings increased by 16s. 4d. to 22s. 9d.

S. AFRICAN HAULIERS HIT BY RAIL ENCROACHMENT

ROAD transport operators in South Africa have appealed against a ruling that South African Railways may carry goods by road at rail rates, provided the goods were offered to the railways in the first place. They told the National Transport Commission that continuing expansion into road haulage by the railways was a threat to existing operators.

Pointing out the dangers of a monopoly in long-distance traffic being gained by the railways, the operators said that in many cases there were already more vehicles available than necessary.

The railways were applying for their temporary road services to be made permanent and were vigorously contesting every important application by normal hauliers. Unless there were some improvement in the situation, the investment of capital in private enterprise operations would be affected.

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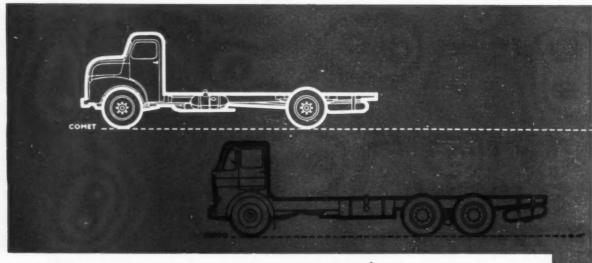
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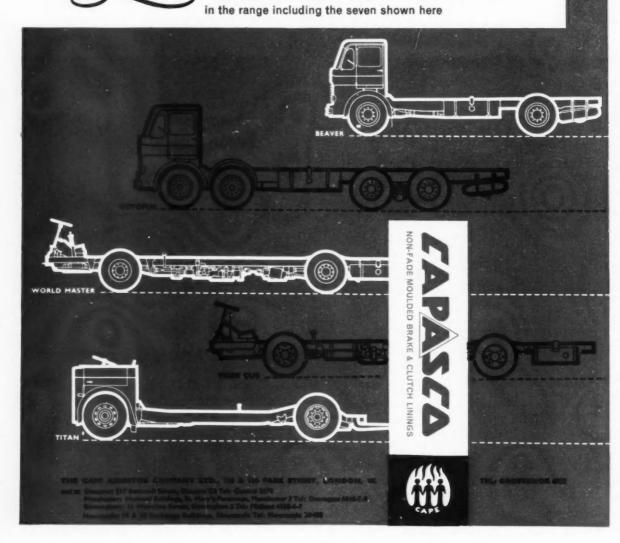
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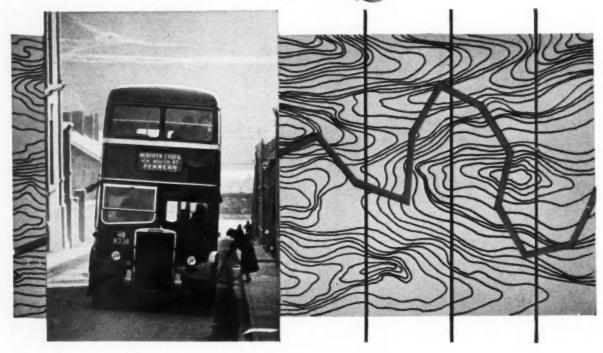
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These awards have been made possible by the generosity of the Unilever, Tate and Lyle and Express Dairy companies, who between them have subscribed £200.

Of more than 1,000 drivers who have competed in the eliminating contests, 144 will take part in the final. Twenty-six of them have been finalists before.

Lord Mancroft, Minister without Portfolio, will present the prizes on behalf of the Minister of Transport.

The national organizing committee have agreed temporarily to suspend preparations for an international competition to be held in Britain. They have done so because of the attitude of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, who, it is understood, have declined to give financial support to the project or to allow individual members

Admitted: No Grant

A FTER admitting that they had under-taken illegal tipping work with Clicensed vehicles, J. Perkins and Son, Ltd., Ellesmere Port, were refused a new B licence at Chester on Tuesday. They had sought the licence to cover three vehicles for carrying waste materials within 12 miles of their base.

Mr. J. Smallridge, a branch manager, said they wanted to do haulage for Associated Lead Manufacturers, Ltd., for whom they had worked for many years. It seemed futile to bring in other vehicles just for this outside tipping, when Perkins were operating on the site.

Answering Mr. J. Edward Jones, for two private objectors, he agreed that Perkins had been tipping for the company for five months. He pointed out, however, that this had stopped as soon as they realized that the work was illegal. No figures were available.

Mr. J. R. Lindsay, North Western Deputy Licensing Authority, upheld a submission by Mr. Edward Jones anat the illegal work should not be ignored, no matter how innocently it had been done. The application was refused.

Appeals Valid: Case to be Re-heard

IN a written judgment issued on Wednesday, the Transport Tribunal have sent back to the Scottish Licensing Authority for re-hearing the case of Highland Haulage, Ltd. (The Commercial Motor, July 18). They have done so because the Licensing Authority did not allow the objectors to cross-examine or call evidence.

Highland Haulage, Ltd., applied on one form (G.V.6) for the removal from their A licence of three vehicles totalling just under nine tons, and the addition of three vehicles to be acquired, weighing altogether about 124 tons. The British Transport Commission and six hauliers

objected.

At the hearing, the Licensing Authority upheld a submission on behalf of Highland Haulage, Ltd., that the objectors had no locus standi. He allowed the objectors' representatives to address him, but not to cross-examine or call evidence. He granted the application and four of the objecting hauliers appealed.

Highland Haulage submitted that the appellants were not entitled to appeal. They claimed that Section 15 (1) (b) of the 1933 Act limited the right of an objector to appeal to cases where his objection was one which the Licensing Authority was bound to take into consideration. Such cases included "every application . . , for the variation" of an A licence "by a direction that additional vehicles shall be specified therein [Section 11 (3)]." They argued that Highland Haulage sought to vary the application without increasing the number of vehicles, and that such an application did not fall within Section 11 (3).

In support of this argument they quoted the appeal decision in the case

of R.A.H. Transporters, Ltd. relevant part of this decision stated: "In our view the mere substitution of a vehicle for a vehicle specified in a licence, even though the substituted vehicle is of a greater weight unladen than the vehicle it replaces, is not to be regarded as an application under Section 11 (3) for a direction that an additional vehicle shall be specified in the licence."

The Tribunal have held that the application by Highland Haulage did, in fact, fall within Section 11 (3), and have given their reasons in detail for

thinking so.

They say that the passage quoted from the R.A.H. Transporters case cannot be supported and should not be followed. The Licensing Authority was bound under Section 11 (2) to take the appellants' objections into consideration, and they were entitled under Section 15 (1) to

Whenever in the exercise of his discretion a Licensing Authority allows a person who has not a statutory right to be heard as an objector to take part in an inquiry, the wiser course is to allow him both to cross-examine and to call evidence if he so desires," the Tribunal

PROFIT AND LOSS

H. A. Saunders, Ltd., £202,460 group profit. Tax bsorbed £100,015. absorbed 2100.015.

R. H. Neal and Co., Ltd., 831,712 net profit fate £53,204 tax. Year's dividends 12 per cent.

Rotherham Transport Department, £29,738 surplus. Motorbuses: total working expenses, £884,552 (28.66d. per vehicle-mile); surplus are cebe charges, revenue contributions and depreciation. £27,888; mileage, 4.89m. Trolleybuses: total working expenses, £184,379 (33.83d. per vehicle-mile); surplus after debt charges, revenue contributions and depreciation. £18,850; myleage, 953,299. Total passengers. 56,76m.: total mileage, 5.84m.

Illegal Tipping Work Nottingham Buses Lose £20,000 in Year

ALTHOUGH revenue increased by £77,544 in the last financial year, Nottingham City Transport incurred a loss of just over £20,000. This was stated by Ald. S. P. Hill, chairman of the transport committee, when he reported that the undertaking had carried 8m. fewer passengers.

He said that, allowing for last year's influenza epidemic and poor summer, it still appeared that some 3m. passengers had been lost. The undertaking was following a familiar pattern of rising costs overtaking additional revenue from fares. In order to increase productivity, the possibility of introducing a bonus scheme for bus crews had been considered.

revenue went up £1,863,422 to £1,940,000 but, whereas a surplus of £40,000 had been expected at the beginning of the year, the deficit came to £20,120. Working expenses were up from £1,791,273 to £1,866,739, although loan charges dropped by £16,412 £199,523. Their only reserve was £2,155.

A small surplus was expected on this year's working, but if costs continued to rise there might be serious pruning of unremunerative services. The under-taking's finances would have to be carefully considered if a wage increase were granted.

C. AND D. GRANT DESPITE OBJECTION BY B.T.C.

A N objection by the British Transport Commission was unsuccessful at Chester, on Tuesday, when Williams Bros., Queensferry, applied for a collection and delivery vehicle to serve their long-distance fleet. Williams wanted the B-licence conditions to cover work "mainly within a 25-miles radius," but at the suggestion of Mr. J. R. Lindsay, North Western Deputy Licensing Authority, the word "mainly" was deleted.

Mr. E. Williams, a partner, said they operated in a country district, and wanted the vehicle to carry small consignments. A 25-mile radius was not unreasonable in

these circumstances.

For the B.T.C., Mr. G. H. P. Beames claimed that there was insufficient evidence for a grant. The B.T.C. feared abstraction would be caused by the new

MR. F. P. ARNOLD TO RETIRE

AFTER more than 50 years in the road passenger transport industry, Mr. F. P. Arnold, a member of the Tilling Group management board, will retire on December 31. He joined Thomas Tilling, Ltd., in 1932, and became a member of the management board when the British Transport Commission took over in 1948.

Mr. Arnold will relinquish his chairmanships of United Automobile Services, Ltd.; Crosville Motor Services, Ltd.; West Yorkshire Road Car Co., Ltd.; and Brighton, Hove and District Omnibus Co., Ltd. He will also give up directorships of several other companies in the Tilling Group.

Bristol Bus Changes are Approved

APPLICATIONS by the Bristol Omnibus Co., Ltd., for more than 50 alterations to their bus routes, were granted by the Western Traffic Commissioners on Monday. Mr. T. D. Corpe, for the company, said the result would be a vastly improved network of city bus services, run in conjunction with the new country bus station.

He recalled that the company had planned the reorganization of their services in five stages, but the war intervened when they arrived at stage three. Now they were in a position to go ahead again. The scheme would provide crosslinks for the extreme suburbs and, by running through services, city terminals

would be cut out.

The company wanted to put the new country services into operation on September 21, and the other proposals would come into force on October 13. If granted, the application would tend to reduce fares.

PRODUCTION ENGINEERS VISIT

MEMBERS of the eighth general assembly of the International Institution for Production Engineering Research began a series of visits to British manufacturing plants at the A.E.C. works at Southall on Monday. Delegates from 10 countries attended.

Welcoming the visitors at luncheon. Sir William Black, managing director of Associated Commercial Vehicles, Ltd., said that in the works the engineers would see how the company were succeeding in combining the principles of flow production with the individual requirements of their customers.

Members of the Institution expressed particular interest in the batteries of automatic transfer machines, the recently opened test-house and the functions of a digital computer working on stock-control problems.

SHORTEN DRIVERS' HOURS, CALL TO T.U.C.

A CALL for a reduction in drivers' hours was made on Tuesday at the Trades Union Congress. The Scottish Horse and Motormen's Association put forward the motion, urging that drivers should work only 10 hours in 24 instead of the present 11 hours, so that they would have a longer rest period.

The resolution, which "viewed with

The resolution, which "viewed with alarm" the higher speed limit for goods vehicles, was referred to the T.U.C. General Council. It expressed the fear that increased speeds would affect the health of drivers and shorten their work-

Another resolution dealing with road transport was put forward by the Watermen's, Lightermen's, Truckmen's and Bargemen's Union, but was withdrawn. It recognized the difficulties confronting transport workers in their efforts to achieve union membership, and expressed support for any moves to assist them.

New Gearboxes Give Up to 10 Ratios

ALL but two of the transmission units be displayed at the Commercial Motor Show by the David Brown automobile gearbox division will be exhibited for the first time in new or modified form.

There are two new versions of the model 557CM gearbox. The first is the 557A, which incorporates a two-speed epicyclic unit giving 10 forward ratios. The second is the model 557/480, which has been designed specifically for the new Gardner 6LX 150 b.h.p. oil engine. All gears are in constant mesh.

In both these gearboxes the maximum input has been raised from 350 lb.-ft. to 480 lb.-ft. by fitting gears of increased face width. A choice of direct or over-drive top gear is offered.

Another new model is the 552 fivespeed gearbox, which can be supplied with bell housings and primary shafts to suit Gardner 4LW, Perkins R6 and Commer TS3 engines, or with special primary shaft and adapter plate for the Bedford engine. It is designed for a maximum engine torque of 270 lb.-ft. and has constant-mesh forward gears.

The new S550 five-speed gearbox for 300 lb.-ft. torque has Porsche-type synchromesh on all forward gears except first. Another version, designated SP450, is available for use in coaches. It has four fully synchronized gears and is designed for 350 lb.-ft. torque.

An other five-speed gearbox, the 542CM, is a revised version of a well-established unit used particularly with the Perkins P6 engine. All gears are now in constant mesh.

INSURANCE UP IN EIRE

STRONG protests have been sent to Eire's Minister of Industry and Commerce following the insurance companies' decision to increase commercial-vehicle rates in the country by 25 per cent. A joint meeting of transport associations demanded that the "crushing increase" should be investigated by the Prices Advisory Body.

About 44,000 operators are affected, most of them owners of delivery vans under 2 tons unladen.

Siddle C. Cook Escape Revocation Order

DECISION has now been given by the Northern Licensing Authority, Mr. J. A. T. Hanlon, in the case of Siddle C. Cook, Ltd., Consett, who were called to show cause why two B licences covering seven vehicles should not be revoked or suspended (The Commercial Motor. August 29).

He has ruled that there shall be no revocations, but the conditions must be changed. On the three-vehicle licence, under which goods for the Consett Iron Co., Ltd., could originally be carried 125 miles, this radius is now dropped to 30 miles.

On the other licence, the radius for the iron company's goods remains at 30 miles, but other traffic may be carried only 25 miles. Meat and Christmas mails are deleted from these conditions.

Cook's application for two big vehicles to replace four smaller ones is refused, and it is stipulated that none of the four vehicles in question shall have their weight increased without publication of the proposal.

Mr. Hanlon said he would be failing in his duty if he allowed the company to continue carrying steel, although he had a good deal of sympathy with them. They had had to meet a tremendous amount of competition in previous years, and because all these other vehicles were available they had not been able to produce need for extra facilities.

Taking the broadest view it seemed mistakes had been made, and there had been carelessness in giving instructions. He wished to be as lenient as possible and would be reluctant to order a revocation, although he regretted the "undesirable methods" Cook's had used to secure extra carrying capacity.

PICKFORDS CASE DISMISSED

A SUMMONS alleging that B.R.S. (Pickfords), Ltd., had failed to notify Lancashire police about the movement of a wide load was dismissed by Manchester County Magistrates last week. Inspector A. E. White said the load, 16 ft. wide and 16 ft. 10 in. high. was stopped on Chester Road. Old Trafford.

Micrograms . . .

Lorries on Show: More than 100 commercial vehicles are being displayed at the Sydney Motor Show this year. There are more Continental models than ever before in the line-up of cars and trucks,

Goodyear Dismissals: About 100 workers have been dismissed by the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. (Great Britain, Ltd., because of the seasonal decline in trade. The men will be offered back their jobs later.

Champion Steamer: The 1916 Foden steam wagon which won The Commercial Motor Challenge Cup at Leyland in June, will attend the historic commercial-vehicle rally at the A.E.C. Works, Southall, on September 28.

Chair-lift for Blackpool: The 2½-mile long chair-lift operating at the Brussels World Fair is to be bought by Blackpool Corporation to connect the North Pier and the Pleasure Beach south of the town. It can carry 800 people an hour.

Germans Co-operate: The German Krauss-Maffei and M.A.N. concerns have agreed to co-operate in the manufacture of buses.

Southport Conference: The annual conference and exhibition of the Purchasing Officers' Association will be held from October 2-5 at Southport.

Convention in Scotland: The 5th biennial convention of the Sand and Gravel Association of Great Britain will be held at Turnberry, Ayrshire, from May 4 to 6 next year.

New Bridge: A new bridge carrying the Worcester-Bromyard road over the River Teme at Knightsbridge, nine miles west of Worcester, was opened on Monday. It cost £120,000.

Freedom Campaign: W. S. Crawford, Ltd., have been appointed advertising agents to conduct the advertising campaign which the Road Haulage Association are to promote on behalf of free-enterprise hauliers.

B.T.C. Draw Up Scheme for Flexibility in Fares

A DRAFT Passenger Charges Scheme was submitted on Monday by the British Transport Commission to the Transport Tribunal. It covered British Railways and both the road and rail services of London Transport. Its object is to establish a maximum permissible level of fares, although there is no immediate intention of taking advantage of it even if the scheme is approved. The proposals are provided for under the 1953 Transport Act.

The scheme is analogous to the Railway Freight

This Chaseside dumper can carry 6 tons of material, and has been

designed to have a low centre of gravity. Full tipping angle of the hopper is 70°.

Charges Scheme, which was approved last year. In both cases the object is to grant the Commission greater flexibility, which they consider is demanded in a swiftly changing commercial world.

In elaborating on this proposal, Sir Reginald Wilson, a

member of the Commission, on Monday emphasized that present legal procedure governing applications for fare increases was no longer in keeping with modern conditions, even though the Tribunal dealt with applications as expeditiously as possible.

Transport, he considered. was almost the most competitive industry in the country, although there might be pockets of monopoly. It was this competition that really set the standard of service and fares, and any change which the B.T.C. might make could not ignore the commercial aspect.

Whenever fare increases were being considered, Sir Reginald said, they invariably invoked uninformed remarks as to their effect on the cost of living. Quoting figures from a recent Ministry of Labour inquiry, out of a total household expenditure of £13 3s. 9d. in greater London, only 5s. 3d. was spent on travel to and from work. Such figures, he said, put into better prospective the real incidence of fare increases.

NEW BUSES FOR HALIFAX

E 1GHT double-deck buses, all of them 30 ft. long, are to be acquired by Halifax Corporation. They will seat 72 passengers. At present the corporation's longest vehicles are 27 ft.

Nine one-man single-deckers, seating 42 passengers, have been bought.



L.T.E. Cut Their Garage Staff by 10 Per Cent.

BOUT 600 maintenance workers, all of them over 60, will shortly be retired from London Transport. Most of them are already past the normal retirement age of 65, and they will be compulsorily retired, and the rest will be made up of volunteers for retirement.

This means that the L.T.E.'s maintenance strength will be cut by about 10 per cent. Men with 15 years' service behind them will get 26 weeks' pay, and this will scale downwards to 14 weeks' pay for men with seven years' service.

The cut in staff has been worked out by London Transport in consultation with the Transport and General Workers' Union.

BUSMEN'S CONFERENCE

MANY matters affecting the road passenger transport industry in the Western Traffic Area will be discussed at Torquay, next month, at a two-day conference of the South-Western (Provincial) Joint Industrial Council of Passenger Vehicle Operators.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Torquay will welcome members on October 13, after the employers' and employees' sides have held separate meetings.

New 6-ton Dumper Has 10 Speeds

APABLE of carrying a 6-ton payload, Chaseside Engineering Co., Ltd., and known as the D5, is powered by a Ford four-cylindered oil engine developing 61.5 b.h.p. at 2,250 r.p.m. A constantmesh gearbox and separate transfer box, in combination with a two-speed axle with a vacuum ratio change, give 10 forward speeds and 10 similar ratios in reverse.

To make full use of this performance in each direction two-way steering and controls are fitted, and full lighting is provided at the front and rear. Power steering is fitted and brakes with vacuum assistance operate on all wheels.

A square wheelbase and low centre of gravity make the D5 notably stable, which is necessary when the hopper is raised to its full tipping angle of 70°. The hopper floats back to the carrying position as the dumper moves off.

The cab provides excellent visibility.

EDBRO 15-CWT. TAILBOARD LOADER

HYDRAULICALLY operated tail-A board loader with a capacity of 15 cwt. has been introduced by Edbro-B. and E. Tippers, Ltd., Quebec Street, Bolton. It is actuated by a swash-plate pump which feeds a motor.

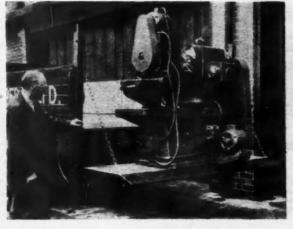
Worm gearing causes twin chain sprockets to rotate, these sprockets being coupled by a cross-shaft beneath each rear corner post. Roller chains within the tailboard guides provide the lifting effort.

The equipment is lever operated, and the tailboard can be held at any intermediate height.

"BUS-RAIL LINK NEEDED"

UNLESS prohibitive bus fares are to be imposed on the public, the Government will have to face the question of integrating bus and rail services, according to Ald. J. Rafferty, chairman of Leeds Transport Committee.

He made this statement last week after touring the undertaking's operational



Edbro-B. and E. Tippers, Ltd., have introduced a 15tailboard loader, power for which is supplied a hydraulic tor. The opermotor. ating lever is on the near side, and the platform can be held at any intermediate height. Larger models are available.

New Fiat Multipla 106-cu.-ft. Van

ATEST newcomer to the growing range of small, economy vans is a new import from Italy by Fiat (England), Ltd., Water Road, Wembley, Middx. Based on the Multipla saloon, the van has a four-cylindered water-cooled engine of 633 c.c., developing 22 b.h.p. at 4,600 r.p.m., mounted longitudinally at the rear. and all-round independent suspension.

The van body, by Siata of Turin, is of integral steel and aluminium-alloy construction. On a wheelbase

> The Fiat Multipla rearengined van is now available in Britain. The

> wide side door and rear flap make for easy loading.

of 6 ft. 6½ in., the body is 12 ft. 2 in. long overall. internal dimensions The are: length from driver's seat to engine cowling. 4 ft. 4 in., width, 4 ft. 8 in., and height, 4 ft. Above the engine there is further storage space, 2 ft. 3 in.

deep, 4 ft. 1 in. wide and 2 ft. 4 in. high. The capacity is 106 cu. ft., and maximum load 1,034 lb.

Interior panelling is in hardboard, with linoleum flooring. The bulkhead behind the cab consists of horizontal steel tubes, protecting the driver should a load shift forward and at the same time providing unobstructed vision to the rear. There is one large sliding door panel (3 ft. 6 in. square) to the load compartment on the near side, and the upper half of the rear panel is hinged at the top to facilitate loading of smaller parcels or allow long loads to be carried. Below the loading panel, a second hinged door gives access to the engine.

The forward-control cab gives adequate for driver and one passenger, seated on a bench with adjustable squab. A heater-demister is provided. The spare wheel is carried in an upright position in a well in front of the passenger, and there is a document pocket in the nearside door. Twin windscreen wipers and flashing indicators are standard.

The van is sold in this country at £782 13s. 6d., including purchase tax. [A road-test report of the Multipla was published in The Commercial Motor on January 4, 1957.]

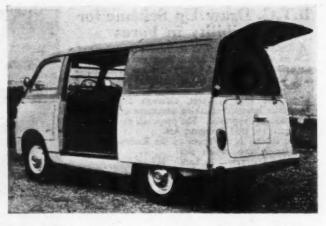
VERHEUL BUY KROMHOUT INTERESTS

THE interests of the Kromhout concern, of Amsterdam, Holland, in the production and sale of chassis are to be taken over by the Verheul Bodybuilding Co., Waddinxveen. Kromhout will continue their engine activities, and service and spares facilities for existing Kromhout vehicles will remain in their hands.

Verheul decided to acquire Kromhout interests because of the need to develop integrally constructed buses for sale in the European Free Trade Area.

IMMEDIATE SPRING EXCHANGE

IMMEDIATE spring-exchange service is now being offered by Wm. E. Cary, Ltd., Red Bank, Manchester, 4, in the Midlands, north-west England and parts of Scotland. The company have built up a stock of factory-reconditioned springs covering a large number of popular vehicles, and each spring is guaranteed for six months.



Economist Wants More Mergers

FURTHER amalgamations of motor manufacturers to improve the British motor industry's position in a European Free Trade Area were advocated last week by Mr. Aubrey Silberston, lecturer in economics at Cambridge University. He was speaking at Glasgow at the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

He thought the British motor industry would be in a strong position, so long as careful attention was given to the models produced and to sales policy. It would be strengthened if individual models of cars and commercial vehicles were made in larger numbers-a process which, he thought, amalgamation would facilitate.

TO INDIA AGAIN

WHEN the Commercial Motor Show closes on October 4, one of the coaches on display will immediately be prepared to start a trip to India the following day. The Harrington-bodied A.E.C. Mandator Mk. III, which was specially built for Garrow Fisher Tours Kingston). Ltd., is to carry 26 passengers to Delhi, many of whom will stay on for a tour of India.



The Leveroll Level Ride seat. The rubber torsion springs and the handle for the transverse screw which adjusts the resistance of the suspension can be seen.

Rubber Suspension for Driving Seat

SHOWN to the Press on Tuesday, a new driver's seat for commercial vehicles. produced by A. W. Chapman, Ltd., Ranelagh Gardens, London, S.W.6, in collaboration with the Bostrom Co. of Milwaukee, U.S.A., has rubber suspension. It is intended to isolate road shocks and vibration and is known as the Leveroll Level Ride.

The support structure for the seat is made up of four levers pivoted at their lower ends on the corners of a mounting tray. Inclined inwards, the pair of levers at each side is connected to a longitudinal rod mounted in a large rubber bush at its forward end, the bushes being attached to the bottom of the base for the seat. As additional weight is applied to the seat. the levers tend towards the horizontal, this movement being resisted by the rubber torsion springs.

Resistance of the suspension to the weight of individual drivers can be readily adjusted by a transverse screw at the front of the seat, which alters the spacing of the rubber bushes and the longitudinal rods.

Double locking slides operated by a lever on the left provide fore-and-aft adjustment. Although not fitted at the moment, a device is being designed to give vertical adjustment.

For vehicles which are frequently used off the road, provision is made for fitting a shock absorber to eliminate excessive bounce. A special seat with a tubular frame and adjustable back rest has been designed by A. W. Chapman for use with the Level Ride system but any of their standard seats may be employed.

Pre-production models are being offered to manufacturers and operators at a nominal price for service tests under operating conditions.

MAIDEN VOYAGE

THE maiden voyage of the Ionic Ferry. owned by Transport Ferry Services. will take place on October 10. The vessel will sail from Preston to Larne, and return to Preston two days later. The Ionic Ferry is a sister ship of the Bardic Ferry, which came into service last September.

Air Springs and Disc Brakes on New P.S.V.

In addition to representative models from the new Invincible Mark II range of heavy-duty goods vehicles, Guy Motors, Ltd., will be exhibiting two outstanding new designs at Earls Court. One of these is the first British passenger chassis to have air suspension and disc brakes as initial equipment, whilst the other is an ultra-lightweight low-cost eight-wheeler which is virtually an eight-wheeled version of the Warrior four-wheeler.

The new passenger chassis, which is as yet unnamed, is an underfloor-engined design for single-deck bus or coach bodywork. There will be two examples at the Commercial Motor Show, one on the Guy stand and one in the demonstration park. Both will be powered by Leyland 0.680 150-b.h.p. oil engines, used in conjunction with a new fully automatic version of the Guy five-speed epicyclic (overdrive-top) gearbox.

The passenger model bears no relationship to previous Guy underfloor-engined designs, having been designed from the start around an air-suspension layout. Independent-front-wheel suspension has been adopted, as it is considered that this is the easiest way to apply air springs to the front wheels, besides giving additional advantages in respect of roll stability and generally improved suspension characteristics. A conventional rear axle is used.

Firestone Airide rolling-lobe diaphragm-type air springs are employed, with single units at each front wheel and four springs for the rear axle. The front suspension consists of unequal-length cast wishbones at each side, the lower wishbones being longer than the upper ones. These carry the kingpins and stub axles and the upper wishbones form the lower mountings for the air springs, which are on the same axis as the wish-

Wide Spring Base

This installation not only ensures a wide spring base to resist roll but also gives a ratio of spring-to-wheel frequency of 1 to 1. There is a levelling valve at each front wheel and telescopic dampers pass through the wishbones.

At the rear end, the axle is carried on beams, each of which has an air spring at each end. Torque reaction is absorbed by two pairs of parallel locating links and there are two Panhard rods to locate the axle laterally. A single levelling valve is incorporated in the rear-axle arrangement. All the suspension linkages have rubber bushes to eliminate the need for maintenance.

Girling disc brakes of the automatic self-adjusting type, working on the Hydrastatic principle are used. Single caliper units are employed on the front discs and the rear brakes are twin-caliper assemblies. They are actuated by airhydraulic means, the front and rear brakGuy Introduce Revolutionary Passenger Chassis and Ultra-lightweight Eightwheeler

ing systems being independent. A drumtype transmission hand brake is mounted at the back of the gearbox.

The engine-gearbox unit is located midway in the chassis frame beneath the side members. The engine is a standard Leyland unit with an 18-in.-diameter fluid coupling, but the gearbox is a new Guy development.

This is basically the five-speed epicyclic unit which Guy Motors have been manufacturing for several years, but it has been adapted for fully automatic control, using C.A.V. electrical equipment.

An overriding control lever is mounted on the steering column and the electrical gear provides automatic selection of neutral when the vehicle is coasted to a standstill. Fourth gear is direct, whilst fifth gear is an 0.755-to-1 overdrive.

The underslung-worm rear axle has a reduction ratio of 5.2 to 1. The chassis, which has a wheelbase of 18 ft., has a flat-topped frame which includes full-width outrigger brackets and it is suitable for 36-ft. by 8-ft. semi-integral bodywork. It is equipped with 10.00—20-in. tyres on B7.0 wide-base wheels.

New Eight-wheeler

The new Warrior eight-wheeler has a wheelbase of 17 ft. 11 in, and will be shown with cab and platform body. Emphasis has been placed on low cost and light weight, and it is expected that a payload of at least 18 ions can be carried without exceeding the gross legal limit of 24 tons.

Power is supplied by an A.E.C. AV 470 112 b.h.p. oil engine. This has a 14-in-diameter single-dry-plate clutch, hydraulically operated, and is unit-mounted with a five-speed synchromesh gearbox. An Eaton two-speed rear axle affords ratios of 6.5 and 8.87 to 1, and the trailing axle of the rear bogic has coil and leaf springs

with hydraulic load compensation, these being of Primrose design.

An air-hydraulic braking system incorporates Girling two-leading-shoe units on the first, third and fourth axles. The front brakes are 15.25-in. by 4.5-in. units, whilst the rear brakes are of 15.5-in. diameter with 6-in.-wide facings; the total frictional area is 922 sq. in. Conventional semi-elliptic springs are used for both front axles and driving axle. The side members of the frame are only 9 in. deep, with 3-in. flanges.

Marles cam-and-double-roller steering is used. A 40-gal, fuel tank is fitted. The standard tyres are 9.00—20 in. and the electrical system is 24v. The forward-control cab is equipped with windscreen washers, heater unit and canopy.

Another new Guy design which will be seen at the Show is a 68-seat 30-ft. by 8-ft. double-deck bus based on an Arab forward-engined chassis powered by a Gardner 6LW oil engine. This vehicle has been built to the order of Wolverhampton Transport Department, who are taking it into service immediately after the Show, and is the first 30-footer to be employed in that city.

Automatic Gearbox

Other than the length, this vehicle follows conventional Guy double-decker practice, but an innovation is the use of a fully automatic version of the normal Guy four-speed epicyclic gearbox. It has air-pressure cam-operated brakes and 11.00—20-in. (14-ply) front tyres and 10.00—20-in. (12-ply) rear equipment.

The body has been built by H. V. Burlingham, Ltd., and has 68 forward-facing seats and ample baggage space. The overall unladen height is 14 ft. 7 in. The body weighs 3 tons 9 cwt.

As forecast in *The Commercial Motor* on August 15, the Guy exhibits at the Show will include a normal-control four-wheeler (with Rolls-Royce engine) and a forward-control eight-wheeler (Gardner 6LX) from the new Invincible range, but in addition there will be a forward-control four-wheeled tractor powered by a Meadows 6DC 500 six-cylindered oil engine.

This is an 8-ft. 9-in.-wheelbase model with fifth-wheel coupling and is equipped with 10.00—20-in. tyres. The five-speed constant-mesh gearbox has a direct top gear, and the 8½-in.-centres worm axle has a reduction ratio of 7.25 to 1. The tractor is suitable for a gross train weight of 24 tons.

New Stage Service by Ribble Approved

A PROPOSAL by Ribble Motor Services, Ltd., to start a stage-carriage service between Foxfield and Coniston, has been approved by the Northern Traffic Commissioners. This will replace a rail service which is to be withdrawn.

The Commissioners' decision follows confirmation of an Order dealing with road restrictions in Ulverston Rural District. The Order allows stage-carriage services to be operated on some roads provided the length and width of buses are restricted.

As a result, the Commissioners say that Ribble must operate vehicles not more than 7 ft. 6 in. wide, or 27 ft. 6 in. long. They promise, however, that these restrictions will be removed if four parking places are provided.

It is expected that Ribble will start the service in October.

The ATLANTEAN Gets New Leyland has Separate Chassis and Beam Axles: Down to Business

New Leyland has Separate Chassis and Beam Axles: Simplified Design Gives Greater Choice of Body Layouts: Low-height Frame for Easy Loading and Low Overall Body Height

REAT interest has been stimulated among fleet operators by the various designs of Leyland Atlantean rear-engined double-decker which have been exhibited at Earls Court and demonstrated in fleet service over the past four years. This has encouraged Leyland Motors, Ltd., to complete a design giving all the advantages of the earlier integral versions, but employing a

chassis frame and more simple mechanical components with the object of making the price competitive with that of conventional double-decker bus chassis.

Because of its conventional approach the latest of Atlantean is perhaps even more outstanding than the previous design, particularly as normal beam axles are used at front and rear without detracting from the low-platform front entrance which was one of the important features of the 1956 version. It will be possible on the new chassis to build a double-deck body within an unladen vehicle height of

13 ft. 4 in. without recourse to a sidecangway upper-deck layout except for a short section at the rear.

Bodybuilders will no longer be restricted in the type of body that can be offered with the Atlantean, this having been one of the shortcomings of the fully stressed body-chassis construction as originally envisaged. Thus, operators will be free to choose their own bodybuilders and to specify their own interior layouts.

A criticism that was sometimes levelled at the original Atlantean design was that because the power unit was carried across the rear of the body, within the main body shell, there was a pronounced tendency for noise and vibration to be transmitted throughout the whole of the body.

A further possible disadvantage of the 1956 design was that in the event of a rear-end collision not only might the engine be damaged, but the complete body sub-frame and superstructure would also need repairing: no simple matter with a fully integral design.

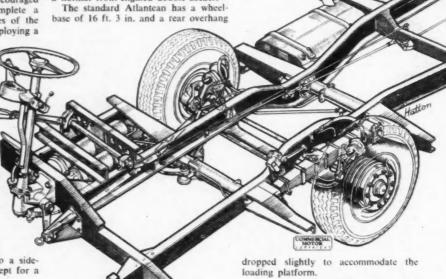
To combat these weaknesses the new vehicle has the engine mounted on a robust, easily detachable sub-frame, so that, in conjunction with the gearbox, bevel box and cooling system, it forms

a complete power pack. This is enclosed in a plastics cowl which is intended to protrude from the rear of the lower saloon (the upper saloon being cantilevered over it). In this way the engine is insulated from the passenger compartment and becomes more accessible for routine maintenance or complete removal.

The use of a separate chassis frame and rigid rear-end assembly ensures extra strength to withstand collisions from behind. Any damage should in most cases be no greater than that caused to a normal front-engined double-decker.

bolted to the frame at the spring anchorage points. In addition, there are three channel-section members, also bolted.

In line with each of these crossmembers there are bolted outriggers, the upper flanges of which are generally level with the upper flanges of the side members. The exception is the near-side front outrigger, the outer end of which is



of 6 ft. 8½ in., the front overhang being only ¼ in. longer less towing eyes. The frame side members are ½-in.-thick pressings, having 3-in. flanges and a maximum depth of 8 in. They are swept up sharply over the rear axle, the difference in height of the top flanges being 16 in., whilst over the front axle the frame rises 3.6 in. above the main inter-axle height.

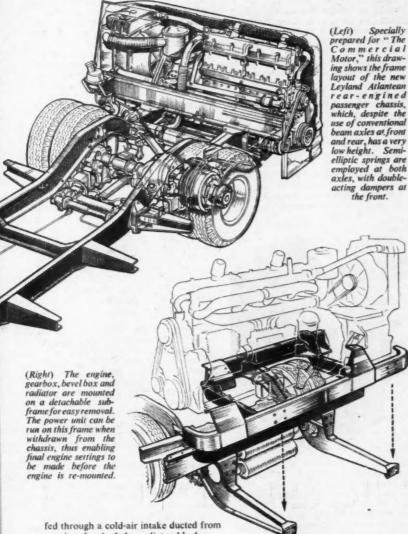
Forward of the front axle the near-side frame member is dropped by 6.85 in., whilst the off-side member remains level with the top of the axle hump to support the driving platform.

Behind the rear axle there is a robust arrangement of four bracing members, which tie up the back end of the frame, support the power pack, and reduce the mid-chassis bending moments. Consequently, relatively light main members between the axles can be used.

Except at the rear-spring rear hanger brackets, tubular cross-members are The power-pack sub-frame is welded. Its rear end incorporates a heavy channel-section member, curved at its outer ends to act as a main bumper. The power pack is secured to the main frame assembly by 14 bolts.

A net power output of 125 b.h.p. at 1,800 r.p.m. is given by the Leyland 0.600 9.8-litre six-cylindered direct-injection oil engine. Basically this unit is identical with the 0.600 engine used in other Leyland goods and passenger chassis, but there are a few detail modifications. For instance, the fuel-injection pump has a hydraulic governor, this having been used to ensure constant idling under all temperature conditions and so reduce vibration.

An innovation is the use of a paperelement air filter, which, in addition to being smaller and lighter than the type of oil-bath cleaner necessary with this size of engine, is claimed to be more efficient and to have a longer life between maintenance periods. The filter is at least as efficient a sound deadener as an oil-bath unit and, as employed in the Atlantean, is



a point ahead of the radiator block.

Fuel is filtered through a sediment bowl mounted on the sub-frame, with which is incorporated a cut-off tap, and twin paper-element filters mounted on the crankcase immediately below the injection pump. A Glacier centrifugal oil filter ensures maximum cleanliness in lubrication. An external engine-stop control will be fitted by the bodybuilder.

A Leyland 161-in.-diameter centrifugal clutch is standard, this having been adopted to give greater efficiency, and therefore better fuel economy, than is obtainable with a conventional fluid coupling. The drive passes from this clutch to a Pneumo-Cyclic four-speed electro-pneumatically operated directacting epicyclic gearbox, which is offered in either semi- or fully automatic versions.

The gearbox has the standard ratios, which are 4.28, 2.43, 1.54 and 1 to 1 forward, with a reverse ratio of 5.97 to 1. Gear changing is controlled by a small switch on the left of the steering column, which operates the solenoid-controlled pneumatic valve block on the forward side of the engine crankcase.

Mounted in unit with the engine-gearbox assembly, but having an independent lubrication system from either of the other units, is a 48° bevel box. This incorporates helical reduction gearing, and it is this gearing which is changed to suit the requirements of any particular operator in respect of a specific final-drive

It is much cheaper to offer an alternative set of helical gears for the bevel box than to provide a variety of sets of crown wheels and pinions. In the Leyland final-drive arrangement there is one standard rear-axle ratio of 3.083 to 1, but a choice of final-drive ratios of 6.074. 5.334, 4.702 and 4.15 to 1.

At the output end of the bevel box are the drive for an electrically operated speedometer and a flange on which may be mounted a generator for the control of the Pneumo-Cyclic gearbox in its fully automatic version. The propeller-shaft

output flange has a single V-pulley, which is used to drive an automatic lubricator. fitted as standard and feeding all the chassis points through nylon piping and leaving only the three greasing points on the propeller shaft requiring periodic attention.

The radiator, mounted above the Pneumo-Cyclic gearbox, is of a new integral limited-loss design in which any water driven out of the header tank by expansion passes to a reservoir in front of, but integral with, the header tank. From there it is drawn again, as the water temperature in the main radiator block drops. This ensures that none of the coolant is lost no matter what the operating conditions may be.

Pressurized Radiator

The cooling system is pressurized to 4 p.s.i. Behind the block there is a cast six-bladed fan supported in bearings integral with the cowl to allow a blade clearance of less than 0.012 in. to ensure the maximum flow of air through the block. This high-efficiency layout reduces the height of the radiator, so keeping the overall size of the power pack down to minimum.

Air is drawn through the radiator from the right-hand side of the vehicle, and the plastics engine cowl incorporates the upper half of a metal duct which mates with the lower half carried on the radiator. Thus, when the engine cowl is closed, all the air drawn in passes through the radiator. In this way the re-circulation of hot air within the cowl is prevented, which in turn helps to pressurize the engine compartment and so keep out dirt.

The fan has a twin V-belt drive, the driving pulley being at the end of a jointed shaft which is driven from the engine timing case.

Both the engine and gearbox are mounted at four points on their subframe. There are two sandwich-type rubbers in compression and shear at the timing-case end and two inclined conical rubber mountings close to the clutch housing. This arrangement is similar to that employed on the 1956 bus, but because the engine will always be removed as part of the complete power pack, there will seldom be need to disturb the four rubber mountings.

Simple Removal

To withdraw the assembly it is necessary only to disconnect the propeller shaft, electrical leads, and fuel and air lines-all of which are easily accessibleand to unfasten the rod-type accelerator linkage, which is automatically tensioned so as to take up free play which might occur in operation.

As the cooling system also is withdrawn with the power pack, the complete engine unit can be run when removed from the chassis merely by connecting up the twin silencers and an external fuel system.

Big fleet operators will be able to keep spare power packs ready for instant replacement, and a used assembly can be reconditioned at leisure and all final settings and adjustments made before its replacement into a chassis. The dry weight of the power pack, complete with its sub-frame, is 1 ton 94 cwt.

The rear axle is basically an orthodox beam design, but with the input at the The differential is offset to the near side and, because part of the finaldrive reduction is in the bevel box. thereby allowing relatively small reduction at the spiral-bevel gears, a large

pinion can be used.

High-lift S-cam-operated brake units are employed at the rear, these, in common with the drums and hubs. being interchangeable with the assemblies used on the Royal Tiger Worldmaster underfloor-engined single-decker chassis. The brakes are 15} in. in diameter and the shoes carry 8-in.-wide moulded facings. The cams are operated through Bendix-Westinghouse slack adjusters and frameladen frequencies being 153 and 129 cycles per minute respectively.

Marles cam-and-double-roller steering is operated by a 21-in. diameter twospoke steering wheel. It has a ratio of 28.5 to 1, giving 5½ turns of the wheel from lock to lock. The low front-axle load is thought not to warrant power steering.

The drag link is in two pieces, supported mid-way by a relay lever pivoted to a frame cross-member. Despite the use of outrigged front springs, a good steering lock has been obtained. The turning circle is 58 ft. and the swept circle with a full 30-ft. by 8-ft. body is 66 ft.

A single-circuit braking system is controlled by a D1 valve which has a conventional brake pedal. Power is supplied by an engine-driven 10-cu.-ft, compressor, which is to be exhibited on the Leyland stand at the Show, there will be an M.C.W.-bodied low-bridge 73-seater for J. James and Sons, Ltd., on the same stand; an Alexander-bodied vehicle for Glasgow Corporation on the Walter Alexander stand; and a high-bridge for Wallasey and a low-bridge for Maidstone and District Motor Services, Ltd., on the M.C.W. stand.

The M.C.W. low-bridge buses have an overall unladen height of 13 ft. 4 in., whilst the high-bridge design is 14 ft. 4 in. high. In both cases the front-entrance platforms are approximately 1 ft. 4 in. above ground level and jack-knife doors

are employed.

Low-bridge Design

In the low-bridge design there are 34 lower-deck seats, including three inwardfacing seats for three over the near-side front and both rear wheel-arches. The space over the off-side front wheel-arch is occupied by the seven-step stairs, with a small luggage compartment beneath. The gangway is flat to a point just ahead of the rear axle and is 3\frac{1}{4} in, below the level of the seat platforms. There is a 10-in. step up in the gangway over the rear axle. the rear seats being correspondingly higher.

The rear 16 seats in the upper saloon are on a platform 10 in, higher than the other seats, with a dropped gangway on the near side, to give sufficient headroom in the lower saloon. Ahead of the steps there is a three-passenger seat, and the first two seats on the near side of this deck

are singles.

The 78-seat high-bridge bus has a similar lower-saloon seat layout, but the gangway is sloped gradually upwards from the front platform to just ahead of the rear wheels, where there is a 5-in. step up to the rearmost seats. The main gangway is level with the seat platforms. The upper saloon, which has 44 seats, has a flat floor and a conventional seat arrangement, the only single seat being opposite the top tread of the eight-step staircase.

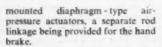
Two Emergency Exits

In both types of bus there is a normal rear-window emergency exit for the upper deck, whilst the lower-deck emergency exit is on the off side adjacent to the rear seat. The front doorways are 4 ft. wide between hinge centres. Sliding upper-window assemblies are fitted on both decks, three on each side of the upper decks and two per side for the lower saloon.

Destination indicators are provided at the front and rear of both types of body. but are not recommended for the sides above the doors, because of the space occupied by the door-actuating gear. All the M.C.W.-bodied buses have 10,00-20-in. (12-ply) tyres and are 30 ft. long and 8 ft. wide. Ear-type flashing indicators are fitted.

Clayton Dewandre recirculating heaters are fitted in both saloons and in the cabs of the M.C.W. buses, and the Wallasey high-bridge bus has a tip-up seat for the conductor adjacent to the driving position.

A limited-loss cooling system, pressurized to 4 p.s.i., is employed. The expansion tank is integral with the radiator header tank. The intake duct incorporates the cold-air intake for the engine air cleaner.



At the rear, conventional reversecamber semi - elliptic single - rate springs carried on 11-in.-diameter chromium-plated shackle pins are mounted underneath the chassis side members. The springs have a rate of 1,450 lb, per in.

deflection, and are 4 ft. 2 in. long and 4 in. wide. The laden frequency is 82 cycles per minute and, unladen, 106.

Because of the engine position, the maximum change in load at the rear axle will not be great: that is why dualrate springs are not used. Similarly, no dampers are fitted. A Leyland torsionbar anti-roll stabilizer similar to the unit already offered on the Titan forwardengined chassis is standard. The stabilizer arms are rubber-bushed to allow a slight initial roll.

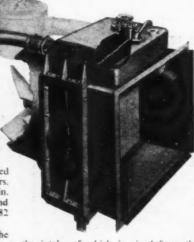
Conventional Axle

The conventional beam front axle is similar to that used on the Worldmaster and employs identical brakes, drums and The brakes are cam-operated. 151-in. by 5-in. units with moulded facings, the air chambers being mounted on the stub axles and operating through slack adjusters.

Independent front suspension, with longitudinal torsion bars, was used in the 1956 Atlantean. This has now been dropped, partly with the object of reducing the price and of simplifying the

maintenance.

The standard front suspension consists of 4-ft. 2-in.-long dual-rate semi-elliptic springs which are outrigged from the side members and work in conjunction with Armstrong DAS 12 double-piston shock absorbers. They are 4 in. wide and have an initial rate of 942 lb. per in. and a final rate of 1,975 lb. per in., unladen and



the intake of which is piped from the inlet manifold, thus ensuring that only filtered air is used.

There are two air-pressure reservoirs, one for the braking system and the other for the gearbox operation, door actuation and so forth. A single-pull hand brake is fitted.

Because of the low floor height it has not been possible to use a conventional fuel tank, so two inter-connected 19-gal. slab tanks are carried on the off-side frame member immediately behind the front wheel, a common filler neck serving both tanks. The battery can be stowed above the floor under the seats, centrally beneath the floor or on the opposite side to the fuel tanks.

The engine cowl is a one-piece plastics moulding reinforced with metal tubes The lower edge has beeen and strips. doubly reinforced so that it acts as an initial bumper to give protection against light shocks, the reinforcements lying outside the main bumper of the powerpack sub-frame. The cowl, complete with radiator ducting, weighs only 100 lb. and is hinged at the top, being secured by budget locks at its lower edge.

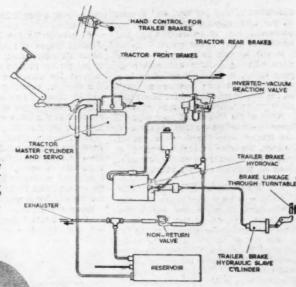
The new Leyland Atlantean is rated for a maximum gross weight of 131 tons, the rear-axle limit being 9 tons. The chassis alone weighs 5 tons 12 cwt.

In addition to the Atlantean chassis

Safer Braking with New Coupling

Remarkable Results with New Brockhouse Units for "Artics"

(Below) The new Brockhouse Mk. IV Interchangeable coupling is based on well-tried principles, but has a hydraulically controlled coupling hook and a minimum-lag braking system. The coupling gear is concentrated on a standard cross-tube to simplify adaptation to various tractor chassis.



(Above) This diagrammatic representation of the layout of the braking system used with the new Brockhouse coupling shows the reaction valve, trailer Hydrovac and hydraulic slave cylinder. As drawn, tractor braking is controlled through a conventional vacuum servo, but this is not essential.

linked to the reaction valve

Based on well-tried principles, a new coupling gear for articulated units of up to 11 tons payload has been introduced by J. Brockhouse and Co., Ltd., West Bromwich. It is known as the Mk. IV Interchangeable and can be used with Scammell M.H., Taskers DS and Hands G-type semi-trailers, in addition to Mark III Brockhouse units.

A new braking system eliminates delay and gives smoother retardation, thereby reducing the risk of jack-knifing.

The heart of the braking system, which has been developed by the Clayton Dewandre Co., Ltd., to meet the specific requirements of J. Brockhouse and Co., Ltd., is a Hydrovac suspended-vacuum servo. Its use greatly reduces the delay in the actuation of the semi-trailer brakes relative to the tractor brakes, which can cause serious instability.

As used with the Brockhouse coupling, the Hydrovac controls a small slave cylinder connected to a central tongue on the tractor coupling, which, when raised, applies the semi-trailer brakes through a peg in the turntable in the conventional manner. This hydraulic system is independent of that of the normal tractor brakes and has a separate header tank.

The Hydrovac is controlled by a special inverted-vacuum reaction valve. This is piped to the normal tractor hydraulic system and, as developed for Brockhouse, is also arranged for mechanical actuation. This has enabled a small hand control to be mounted on the steering column and

linked to the reaction valve by cable, so that the semi-trailer brakes can be applied independently of the tractor brakes. This hand control has a lock which enables the semi-trailer brakes to be left applied with the driver out of the cab.

An accompanying diagram shows roughly the layout of the main components, the particular application being to a tractor with brakes controlled by a master vacuum servo. The system can, however, be applied easily to tractors with unassisted hydraulic brakes and correct "balance" can be obtained by varying the reaction-valve setting so that proportional braking is achieved on all wheels of the outfit.

The new braking system has been fitted initially to a Bedford S-type tractor, which, for the purpose of true comparison, has been brought fully up to date in accordance with current Bedford vehicles by the addition of a Clayton Dewandre VH2/433 vacuum master servo controlling the tractor brakes. This type of servo is to be a standard fitting on S-type tractors in the future.

The vehicle was offered to The Commercial Motor for test in conjunction with a Brockhouse 10-11-ton 25-ft. semi-trailer which was carrying a test load totalling 9 tons 18 cwt. The outfit was running at a gross weight of 15 tons 4 cwt. during the laden tests.

Full-pressure "emergency" stops were made from 20 m.p.h. and 30 m.p.h. and the respective topping distances were 25 ft. 3 in. and 56 ft. 6 in., which are

exceptional for a vacuum-braked articulated outfit and a great improvement on the figures last obtained by *The* Commercial Motor with a Bedford articulated unit running at the same weight but with a conventional braking system.

A Tapley meter was used to record maximum deceleration during these tests and this showed 61 per cent. when braking from 20 m.p.h. and 56.5 per cent. from 30 m.p.h. The average retardation revealed by the stopping distances in each case was equivalent to 53 per cent.

The small difference between the maximum and average retardation showed that the delay in the system was almost negligible, which in turn implies that the retardation was smooth and consistent from the time of initial application of the pedal to the time the vehicle came to

Using the hand control to actuate the semi-trailer brakes only, an average Tapley meter figure of 24 per cent. was obtained from 20 m.p.h. This control is clearly a useful emergency feature. During the test it was found to be of great assistance also in checking the vehicle gently on downward gradients and when starting on steep hills, as it was much easier to use than the normal tractor hand brake.

A second series of tests was then carried out with the outfit unladen, the train weight being 5½ tons. As before, "crash" stops were made from 20 m.p.h. and 30 m.p.h. and exceptionally good retardation figures of 18 ft. and 43 ft. were obtained.

During these tests the Tapley meter showed a maximum reading of 92.5 per cent. when braking from 20 m.p.h. and over 100 per cent. when stopping from 30 m.p.h. These figures represent differences of 17.5 per cent. and at least 30 per cent. respectively, but they are accounted for by wheel-locking and absence of delay in the system.

It was possible to make full-pressure stops with the unladen unit with complete safety, as the outfit pulled up in a straight line on each occasion, although all the wheels were locked for about half the stopping distance from each speed.

None of the brakes had been adjusted immediately before the tests and those on the tractor were found to be out of balance, the off-side brakes tending to take effect before those on the near side. Even so, stability was not affected.

Hand-brake Efficiency

While unladen a hand-brake stop was made from 20 m.p.h. and the Tapley meter reading obtained was 30 per cent, both the semi-trailer wheels locking for a distance of 56 ft. The semi-trailer supplied for test had Girling two-leading-shoe 15.25-in.-diameter brakes, the facing width of which was 4.25 in., giving a frictional area of 252 sq. in. for the semi-trailer.

The tractor had the standard Bedford brakes, the area of which is 498.4 sq. in. Thus, laden, the outfit had a frictional area of 48.8 sq. in. per ton gross weight.

The tractor had a VOSR2/812 slave Hydrovac controlling the semi-trailer brakes and, although a larger Hydrovac can be fitted, the Brockhouse engineers have decided that this would be unadvisable, as it would produce too high a braking effect when a tractor was used with a 6-ton semi-trailer. Thus, much of the merit of the interchangeability of the coupling would be lost unless, of course, the linkages on the 6-ton semi-trailer brakes were to be modified to reduce the effort at the shoes.

As with other coupling gears of this type, the new Brockhouse layout has curved loading ramps at the rear. These are steel pressings, up which small rollers on the semi-trailer turntable move when coupling.

Locking System

Locking is controlled by a two-jaw hook assembly which engages on two small rollers near the centre of the semi-trailer turntable. The actuation of these jaws is controlled through a hydraulic pump, this reducing the effort required of the driver when uncoupling, particularly on slopes.

Before the lever can lower the locking hook, a separate valve control must be closed. Both the valve and the lever lie below the level of the door sill, so that they do not obstruct access to the driving seat. A microswitch at the hook controls a warning lamp on the dashoard, this light being illuminated whenever the hook is not fully engaged.

The hook assembly itself consists of two arms joined by a stout tube which forms a grease reservoir to ensure trouble-free operation. The hook is held in engagement by two concentric coil springs which have to be compressed before it can be released. Robust buffer brackets have been so designed as to esist any tendency for the semi-trailer to c10

twist about a longitudinal axis relative to the tractor.

At present the coupling is offered on Bedford S-type and Austin and Morris Series III tractors; but it can be applied to most other tractors which are already suitable for automatic couplings. For this purpose, mounting has been simplified by concentrating all the hook gear on a standard forged cross-tube, which is attached to the inside of the tractor side members by brackets.

Thus, any variation in chassis-frame width can be accommodated by changing these brackets rather than by altering the cross-tube assembly. The pressed-steel ramps and buffer brackets are bolted to the chassis frame in the conventional way and no welding is employed.

Because of the use of hydraulic control for the hook actuation and a cable control for the hand operation of the semitrailer brakes, there are no direct The semi-trailer turntable and landing gear are basically unaltered, and are covered by patent No. 786,529. The semi-trailer gear includes non-collapsible legs as before, but two slight modifications are the use of an edge-type ratchet for the manual hand brake with a trigger-type lever, and a modified king-pin-retaining layout which has provision for shim adjustment to take up wear at the turntable plates.

Standard detachable number-plate and rear-light assemblies, with automatic connection for the rear lights, are employed, as with other articulated units of this type, but stop lamps are also incorporated. These have a separate bayonet socket connection and have to be connected manually.

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If a tractor with 24v. lighting were coupled to a semi-trailer which had previously been used with a tractor with 12v. lighting, there would be no risk of



Smooth and stable braking is given by the Clayton Dewandre equipment used with the Brockhouse coupling, as shown by this picture of the laden outfit halting from 30 m.p.h. on a dusty road. Braking from the same speed with the semi-trailer empty was accomplished without danger.

mechanical linkages between the cab and the coupling or brake gear. Consequently, little modification is required to a standard tractor cab when the new Brockhouse equipment is installed. the lights being fused, because both the rear lamps and the stop lamps of the correct voltage would be transferred from the tractor to the semi-trailer when coupling.

Hendrickson Suspension for Light Six-wheeler

A NEW model from M. G. Rowe (Motors), Dublebois, Ltd., will be displayed on the forecourt of West Brompton station during the Commercial Motor Show, in company with two other Hillmaster vehicles.

Known as the L/M/14, the new vehicle is a 6 x 4 chassis designed for a gross weight of 20 tons. As the unladen weight of the complete vehicle with a light-alloy platform body is under $5\frac{1}{2}$ tons, a payload of $14\frac{1}{4}$ tons is permissible.

The double-drive rear axles are Eaton 18800 single-speed units of 6.68: 1 ratio, combined with a lockable third differential of the same make operated from the driver's cab. The axles are carried in a Hendrickson bogie assembly, using rubber cushions as the suspension

medium, with all location members rubber-bushed to reduce maintenance to the minimum.

The six-wheeler has a wheelbase of 18 ft. and is powered by a Meadows 6DC 500 oil engine producing 135 b.h.p. at 2,400 r.p.m., thus continuing a policy of providing a high power-to-weight ratio. A five-speed-and-reverse gearbox with direct-drive top gear is standard, but the chassis may also be supplied with a similar unit giving an overdrive-top ratio of 0.798 to 1.

Brake-drum diameters are 15½ in, on the front axle and 15½ in, at the rear, with 4½-in, and 6-in,-wide facings. Operation is hydraulic with air-pressure help. The chassis shown will have the latest Hillmaster cab.

Carrimore Build Four-pillow Air-Suspension Bogie

Having equipped several small tanker semi-trailers with proprietary trailing arm air suspension systems using circular air-pillows, Carrimore Six-Wheelers. Ltd., North Finchley, London, N.12, have been sufficiently impressed with the advantages that this type of springing can offer to manu-

facture their own air-suspended tandem-

xle bogie.

Wishing to avoid the use of single airpillows on each side with a surge tank of the same length acting as the location member for the axles, they have designed their suspension around four 29-in.-long by 8½-in.-wide two-convolution air-pillows supplied by the André Rubber Co., Ltd. The pillows are located between triangular box structures clamped to the axles and plates welded on to the bottom flanges of the main-frame side members. The boxes are a welded fabrication of 4-in. seed plate with the bottom members of ½-in. section to act as the top clamping plates for the 3½-in. square-section axles.

Those on the forward axle are open at the rear and those on the trailing axle are open at the front, their sides acting as pivot points for leading and trailing radius rods to locate the axles. The bottom elamping plates for each axle are also of \(\frac{1}{2}\)-in. material, extended horizontally to form the mounting brackets for four Woodhead-Monroe 6-in.-stroke shock absorbers, which are attached at their upper end to brackets bolted to the

frame cross-members.

Protection for Dampers

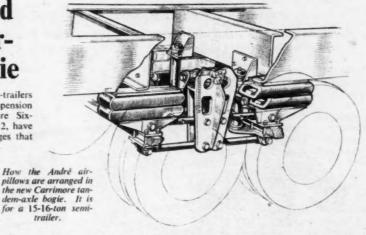
The top and bottom shock-absorber mounting plates have holes drilled in them to take four additional rebound rods (not shown in the drawing) to avoid overstressing the dampers in the maximum-bounce condition. Each rod extends below the bottom plate, passing through a collapsible rubber bush to allow 3 in. of rebound without producing hammering. Welded flanges on the lower axle clamping plates carry the eyes of further leading and trailing radius arms.

Radius arms on each side of the bogic are parallel to each other and in line in the level condition. They are supported in the centre by a fabricated structure taking the place of the rocker-beam mounting in conventional four-leaf-spring

layouts.

These members are bolted to the main chassis side members at the centre line of the axles and are made up of two plates 3½ in. apart, between which the eyes of the radius arms are clamped. They are cut away to reduce weight and braced by a tubular cross-member of 3 in. outside diameter.

Whilst the eight 21-in.-long rubberbushed radius arms cope with forces arising from braking and acceleration, two Panhard rods are fitted to contain side thrust and roll when cornering.



These are also rubber-bushed to reduce maintenance and run across the chassis at the centre line of each axle. They are suspended from the frame cross-member at one end and attached to the boxes supporting the air-pillows at the other.

The main advantage to be gained from using four air-pillows for the bogie is that a separate surge tank is not required. Free displacement of air through pressure piping takes place between the pillows

André Two-convolution Airpillows on Triangular Box Structures Work with Woodhead-Monroe Dampers

on each side of the bogie as the axles rise or fall relative to one another.

A linkage for operating a height-control and levelling valve on each side of the bogie is taken from the top pairs of radius arms. A metal strip is attached at both ends to a pivot on the centre of each arm and carries a bracket at its centre to transfer movement through a vertical rod to a Hymatic valve bolted inside the flange of the chassis side member.

Radius Arms Stay in Line

Because of the action of the pillows, the leading and trailing radius arms remain in line during relative axle movement not affecting the levelling-valve linkage.

Only when the total loading on one side of the bogie increases—as occurs during cornering through weight transference or when a load is placed on the trailer—do the arms adopt an angle to each other, thus pushing up the central rod to open the height-control valve and admit more air to the pillows, restoring them to their set height of 6½ in.

The delay setting for this valve is 12 seconds, bringing the levelling action of the suspension into use only on long bends or on steeply cambered roads.

Air for the suspension is taken from a separate tank fed from the main air

reservoir for the brakes. Interposed in the pipeline between the two tanks are Clayton Dewandre non-return and fegulator valves fitted with air filters. The regulator valve is set to admit air to the suspension reservoir only when pressure in the brake system has reached 65 p.s.i., thus ensuring that brake operation will not be affected.

Pressure required in the air-pillows to support the load of 13 tons imposed by a laden 15-16-ton semi-trailer is only 46 p.s.i., dropping to 7½ p.s.i. when the semi-trailer is unladen. As is usual, solid-rubber bump stops are incorporated inside the air-pillows to support the load in the event of failure. The frequency of the Carrimore suspension is designed to be in the order of 90 c.p.m., laden or unladen.

Novel Features

The semi-trailer to which the prototype of the new bogie will be fitted is to be shown at the Commercial Motor Show this month. It has a number of interesting features in addition to the use of air suspension.

For instance, the pressed-steel channelsection frame has a depth of 19 in. at the rear bogie, with 3½-in. flanges, the material used being & in. in section. The outer side members are of light alloy and are extended upwards to form the

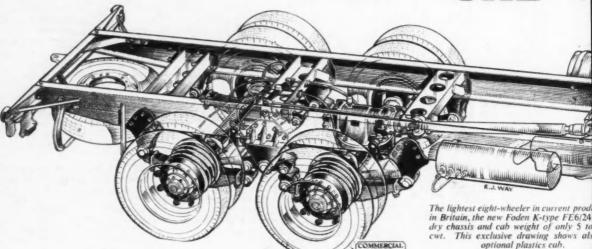
Hubs fitted with tapered roller bearings carry Girling two-leading-shoe brakes with 15½-in.-diameter drums and 5-in.-wide facings operated by air cylinders mounted on the backplates. Ten-stud 22.5-in.-diameter wheels carry 10.00-22.5-

in. Dunlop tubeless tyres.

A small but important device incorporated in the semi-trailer is the subject of a recent Carrimore patent application. It is intended to eliminate the danger of uncoupling a semi-trailer fitted with a fifth-wheel coupling before the jockey legs are fully lowered.

A pin protruding through the semitrailer half of the coupling, in front of the tractor fifth wheel, is operated by a linkage connected to the jockey legs, which withdraws it only when the legs are fully down. Latest Addition to Foden Range is the K-type Eight-wheeler, Notable for its Low Chassis Weight: Foden Two-stroke Oil Engines Uprated and New Dumpers Introduced

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NEW ultra-lightweight eight-wheeler with a fourwheeled prime-mover version, seven new mediumduty four- and six-wheeled dumpers, a new series of heavy-duty four-, six- and eight-wheeled road vehicles with a wide choice of power units, and greatly uprated versions of the Foden four- and six-cylindered two-stroke oil engines are announced today by Fodens, Ltd., Sandbach. Examples of these new projects will be exhibited at the Commercial Motor Show later this month and all are indicative of the thorough development work for which Fodens are noted.

Although similar in general design to the existing F-type eight-wheelers, the new K type is much lighter. The weight of the dry chassis and cab is only 5 tons 12 cwt., which permits a payload of at least 171 tons to be carriedassuming a 10-cwt, alloy body-without exceeding the British gross legal weight limit of 24 tons. The reason for this is that the F-range is designed to suit the most arduous conditions, including overseas use, where overloads and rough roads are common, so that these models are more robust and heavier than necessary for normal road work.

Reduced Specification

The standard K-type eight-wheeler is offered with the Foden oil engine, four-speed gearbox and a single-drive bogie. Although its standard specification has been reduced in detail, when compared with the F type, those items which have been cut down are offered as optional

Although the desire to save unnecessary weight has been foremost in the minds of the designers the chassis lacks nothing in robustness and safety, eight-wheel brakes, for example, being standard equipment. Possibly even more important, however, is the uprating of the Foden FD6 Mark III six-cylindered two-stroke supercharged oil engine, which is standard in this chassis, to produce 150 gross b.h.p. at 2,400 r.p.m.

The new FD6 Mark III, and its four-cylindered version the FD4 Mark III, use similar basic parts and have the same cubic capacity as the earlier Mark II but by increas-

ing the maximum governed speed of the six-cylindered unit by 400 r.p.m. and by altering the fuel-pump settings. the gross output has been raised by 24 b.h.p. (by 16 b.h.p. to 100 b.h.p. in the case of the four-cylindered engine).

The torque peak has risen by 15 lb.-ft. to 365 lb.-ft. in the case of the six-cylindered engine, whilst the output of the four-cylindered unit has gone up from 233 lb.-ft. to 244 lb.-ft. The torque peak occurs at the same speed-1,500 r.p.m.—but because of the higher governed speed, maximum torque is now developed at a proportionately lower speed, taking the speed range as a whole.

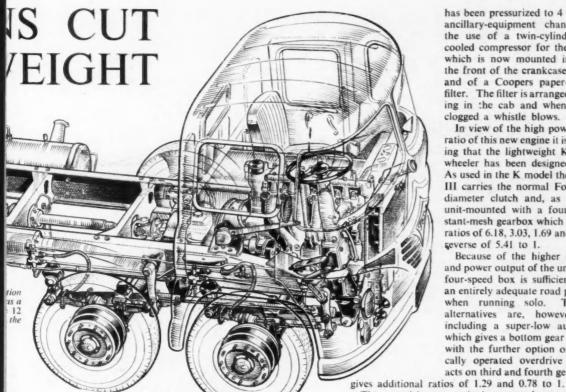
Because of the higher speed at which the new engines run the crankcase has been stiffened. The crankshaft has been modified slightly, the main and big-end journals having a larger diameter and the webs being thicker. Copper-lead overlay plated shell bearings are now employed, and improved high-speed scavenging has been achieved by slight modifications to the inlet port and exhaust-valve timings.

The use of copper-lead crankshaft bearings has allowed higher oil temperatures, with subsequent increase in efficiency, and whereas the former engines were employed in conjunction with a separate oil cooler mounted ahead of the main radiator block, this has been dispensed with and a heat exchanger has been incorporated in the cooling system.

A further change is the use of a wax-type thermostat, which has been found to give more positive openings than is possible with the bellows type. Thus the new engines warm up much more quickly and thinner oil-S.A.E. 20 (supplement 1)has official recommendation. All these changes add up to greater efficiency, with subsequent improvements in specific fuel consumption, in addition to increased power.

Further detail changes affect the fuel-injection

The FE6/24 K-type eight-wheeler has a composite cab as standard, this being similar to that used on the other eight-wheelers, but with most of the "luxury" features omitted.



equipment. The C.A.V. N-type pump now has pressurized lubrication for the camshaft, oil being taken from the main engine circuit. This has entailed sealing off the camshaft from the plunger, but ensures consistent lubrication with filtered oil. Another slight change is that the fuel filters have been put on the pressure side of the system to lessen the risk of air locking.

Bare weight of the new unit is 1,250 lb., whilst complete with dynamo, starter, oil cooler, fuel and oil filters, fan and compressor it weighs 1,409 lb. These weights are extremely low for a 150 b.h.p. oil engine, but a further saving is made possible by the use of a reasonably small radiator.

The basic radiator employed is unchanged except that it



has been pressurized to 4 p.s.i. Other ancillary-equipment changes include the use of a twin-cylindered watercooled compressor for the air brakes, which is now mounted integrally on the front of the crankcase on the left, and of a Coopers paper-element air filter. The filter is arranged for mounting in the cab and when it becomes clogged a whistle blows.

In view of the high power-to-weight ratio of this new engine it is not surprising that the lightweight K-type eightwheeler has been designed around it. As used in the K model the FD6 Mark III carries the normal Foden 153-in.diameter clutch and, as standard, is unit-mounted with a four-speed constant-mesh gearbox which has forward ratios of 6.18, 3.03, 1.69 and 1 to 1, and geverse of 5.41 to 1.

Because of the higher speed range and power output of the unit, this basic four-speed box is sufficient to ensure an entirely adequate road performance when running solo. Transmission alternatives are, however, offered, including a super-low auxiliary box which gives a bottom gear of 13.4 to 1, with the further option of an electrically operated overdrive unit which acts on third and fourth gears only and

This overdrive-top ratio increases the maximum road speed with the standard 7.5 to 1 rear axle to 49 m.p.h., compared with 38.2 m.p.h. given with the direct-top fourspeed box. Lubrication developments in connection with the gearbox have shown that an S.A.E. 90 oil has decidedly beneficial results in reducing churning losses, and this grade of oil is officially recommended in place of the S.A.E. 140 lubricant previously specified.

Three-point Engine-gearbox Mounting

The normal Foden three-point mounting is used with the engine-gearbox unit. From the gearbox the drive is taken through a two-piece propeller shaft, which has Hardy Spicer needle-roller universal joints to the driving axle, which in the case of the standard chassis is an overhead-worm-drive unit with 81-in. centres.

Although it is intended that this new chassis should be used principally as a solo machine, in which case a singledrive bogie is fitted, a double-drive bogie with final drives having 8-in. centres is offered. A third differential is not available, as it has been shown to have little beneficial effect in reducing tyre wear.

Weight has been saved on the front end of the chassis by employing lighter axles than those used on the F-model eight-wheelers, the axles used being 4-ton units, as opposed to the 5- to 6-ton axles fitted on the heavier vehicles. The larger axles have an unnecessarily high overload factor for use in Britain.

Similarly, so far as suspension is concerned, it has been possible to use lighter leaf springs at front and rear bogies, as the degree of overload to be expected overseas is not contemplated with the K type. The rear-bogie suspension consists of four springs with balance beams, an arrangement which gives about 7 in. articulation.

Eight-wheel air brakes are standard; 16-in. by 3-in. drums are used at the front, with 161-in. by 7-in. drums at the rear. All the units are of the leading-and-trailingshoe cam-operated type actuated by Bendix Westinghouse diaphragm cylinders. A single-circuit air-pressure system is fitted as standard, although the option of a split-circuit double-safety layout is offered.

A Neate hand brake acts on only the rear bogic drums in the standard model, although a transmission hand brake, as used on the F-types, is available to special order.

The frame on the K-type eight-wheeler is similar in layout to that on the FE and FG models, but $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. pressings are employed, as opposed to the $\frac{5}{16}$ -in. material previously used. The side members have 4-in. flanges and a maximum depth of 12 in.

Michelin X 9.00 by 20-in. tyres on B6.50 three-piece wheels with 5\(\frac{1}{4}\)-in. offset are normal equipment on the K type. These tyres have been proved by the Foden engineers to offer marked advantages in respect of fuel economy and braking performance.

Special Cab Fittings at Option

The standard cab of the K type is basically the composite unit supplied with the F models, but to cut weight and cost, many of the special features of the F range have been omitted, although they are still available as options. Such fittings include mate's seat, second windscreen wiper, heater, demister, front bumper and direction indicators. The driving seat is fully adjustable and upholstered with foam rubber.

As an alternative, a new plastics cab has been developed and, among its other advantages, it is 1½ cwt. lighter than the standard pattern. It is based on a timber frame and the back, roof and front panels are a one-piece moulding, whilst the doors and additional front bumper also are of plastics. Its shape is distinctive, incorporating a deep two-piece wrap-round windscreen and dual headlights recessed into the front wing mouldings and mounted one above the other.

The K-type eight-wheeler has a wheelbase of 18 ft. 1½ in., and is 30-ft. long and 7-ft. 6-in. wide overall. When a front bumper is not fitted a 24-ft. 6-in. body can be mounted, but the addition of the bumper reduces the available body space by 4 in. The standard platform body has an unladen floor height of 3 ft. 4 in., whilst the turning circle is 76 ft.

New 24-ton Tractor

Low unladen weight is one of the prime features also of the K-type 24-ton-gross tractor unit, a development of the eight-wheeler. In the tractor, the Gardner 6LW 112 b.h.p. oil engine is offered as an alternative to the Foden 150 b.h.p. unit and the gearbox options are restricted to four- or five-speed units. When the Foden engine is fitted the standard rear axle has a 7.5 to 1 reduction ratio, whilst with the Gardner engine a 6.25 to 1 axle is employed.

The K-type tractor, which has a wheelbase of 8 ft. 3 in., is offered with Michelin X 9.00 by 20-in. tyres, but when it will be used with outfits with a fixed weight distribution, such as tankers, so that there is no fear of overloading individual axles, 8.25 by 20-in. tyres can be fitted. They save some 2½ cwt. on the complete outfit.

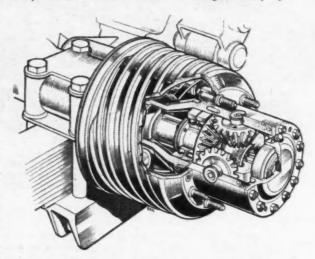
Dry weights of the various versions of the Foden Ktype tractors are as follows: 8.25-in. tyres and Foden engine, 3 tons 14½ cwt.; 8.25-in. tyres and Gardner engine, 3 tons 18½ cwt.; 9.00-in. tyres and Foden engine, 3 tons 15½ cwt.; 9.00-in. tyres and Gardner engine, 3 tons 19½ cwt.

The Foden range of dumpers now consists of five four-wheelers and seven six-wheelers, of which three four-wheelers and four six-wheelers are new. The existing four-wheeled dumpers, the FED4/16 and FGD5/16, were limited to a gross weight of 16 tons and could carry only

7-cu.-yd. bodies. A new rear axle has been designed, however, which will take a 13½-ton load on the ground and this has enabled the three new models to be uprated to 18 tons gross and to be fitted with 8-cu.-yd. bodies. At the same time the front axles have been stiffened up, so that they are now rated at 6½ tons.

The three new four-wheeled dumpers are the FED4/18, which is powered by the FD4 Mark III 100 b.h.p. engine; the FGD5/18 with Gardner 5LW 94 b.h.p. engine and the FED6/18 with FD6 Mark III 150 b.h.p. unit. An eight-speed gearbox consisting of a four-speed main gearbox with an integral two-speed auxiliary section giving direct and underdrive ratios is supplied with all these engines.

There is a fixed reduction in the new double-reduction axle, whereas in the lighter axle used in the smaller dumpers the hub reduction can be changed merely by



A new high-capacity double-reduction rear axle has been developed for the latest heavy-duty dumpers. The secondary 2-to-1 reduction is through bevel gears, the inner gear being fixed and the drive passing from the outer gear, which is splined to the half-shaft, to the four star gears inside the hub.

rotating the hub end caps. For use in quarries single rear tyres (16.00 by 20-in.) are available, but for working over soft ground twin rear equipment (12.00 by 24 in., 16 ply) is recommended.

When twin rear tyres are fitted the width over the wheels exceeds 8 ft. and such vehicles cannot normally be used on the road. The use of single tyres reduces the gross vehicle rating by a ton. Standard front tyres on all versions are 11.00 by 24 in. (14 ply).

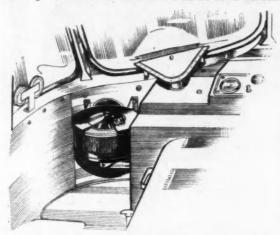
Frames and springs of the new models are heavier than on the 16-ton-gross machines, and a similar process of stiffening up has been applied to the four new six-wheeled dumpers, which are rated for a gross weight of 30 tons with a struck body capacity of 11 cu. yd.

The four new six wheelers are the FED6/30 (FD6 Mark III, 150 b.h.p. engine); the FGD6/30 (Gardner 6LX 150 b.h.p. unit); the FCD6/30 (Cummins HF6-B 180 b.h.p. oil engine); and the FRD6/30 (Rolls-Royce C6NFL 210 b.h.p. oil engine). Because of the higher torque developed by these engines 12-speed gearboxes are used, the auxiliary section giving direct and two underdrive ratios, with a torque input capacity of 550 lb.-ft.

On the FRD6/30 the double-reduction axle is standard, whilst on all the other dumpers, including the four-wheelers, a single-reduction axle can be supplied when the vehicles are for use on hard-bottomed sites only. The six-

wheeled dumpers have four-spring bogies and power steering is optional. All the new six-wheelers weigh approximately 121 tons, permitting a payload of 171 tons, whilst the new four-wheelers weigh 7½ tons, giving a payload capacity of 10½ tons.

The new special heavy-duty range of road vehicles has been developed primarily to meet export requirements, although all the chassis are available on the home market.



Cooper paper-element air cleaners are used on current Foden They are mounted inside the cab, ahead of the passenger seat. These cleaners have whistling relief valves which give audible warning when the elements are clogged and require blowing out.

The standard F-type four-, six and eight-wheelers are affected, and the principal departure from the standard F specifications is that Gardner 6LX, Rolls-Royce C6NFL, Cummins HF6-B 180 b.h.p. or NHB-6 210 b.h.p. oil engines are offered.

Four-wheelers with standard axles are rated for a solo gross weight of 14 tons, or 25 tons gross train weight, but these and the standard F types can be fitted with 6-ton front axles and 12-ton rear axles, which raise the solo weight to 18 tons. The standard gearbox on any of the four-wheelers is either the 12-speed unit or the new fivespeed close-ratio box. The former is recommended for heavy duty, but the five-speed box is suitable for trunk services in Great Britain.

Similar specification changes apply to the heavy-duty six-wheelers, which, like the standard F types are rated for 21 tons gross solo, with 33 tons gross train weight. As with the four-wheelers, however, heavy-duty front and rear axles can be fitted, in which case the solo gross weight rating is 30 tons. In the case of the eight-wheelers with the heavy-duty axles the solo weight rating can be increased from the standard 24 tons to 36 tons, the gross train weight being the same in each case-33 tons.

On all these heavy-duty vehicles, double-reduction axles can be fitted. When they are used in a single-drive bogie, gross train weights up to 70 tons are permitted, whilst the double-drive double-reduction bogies allow a gross train weight of 100 tons on special tractors. The ordinary double-drive single-reduction bogie, whilst permitting up to 33 tons gross train weight for normal highway application, is suitable up to 50 tons gross train weight when operating in flat country.

Bird's Eye View

Who Wants Them?

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WONDER whether the manufacturers who are tumbling WONDER whether the manufacturers and over one another to produce 12-seat public service vehicles have sounded operators' opinions on them? The major operators are completely hostile to the use of these buses, because they know that they are uneconomic as stage carriages and represent a threat to the private-hire activities of established concerns.

Apparently the makers hope to find a steady market among local authorities for small school buses, but here, again, there is a possibility that licensed operators may lose traffic on which they rely to make ends meet. Whether operators like it or not, however, they will find Earls Court packed with 12-seaters.

Legacy of Safety

I N an intimate little ceremony, eight drivers of the South-Eastern Division of British Road Services last week received from Maj.-Gen. G. N. Russell, chairman of B.R.S., safe-driving awards for periods ranging from 25 to 36 years.

In looking through their records, I noticed such items as "1913—Royal Mail contract driver," and "1922—Bank of England contract driver "—both, of course, with old-established hauliers in pre-nationalization days. B.R.S. have inherited a great legacy from private enterprise.

Aerial Artist

THE helicopter came to the rescue of Mr. Claude Muncaster when he was commissioned by the directors of Hepworth and Grandage, Ltd., to paint a landscape of Bradford and the distant Yorkshire dales. There was no vantage point from which he could secure the view he wanted, so he hovered in a helicopter for an hour while he made rapid sketches in pencil and water colour, and wrote notes.

Then, with the aid of aerial photographs and memory, the laborious process of producing a panorama began. It involved serious mechanical difficulties, not the least of which was to get near enough to the canvas to paint in the fine detail. But the problems were surmounted and the result is Mr. Muncaster's most important work.

He handed it over last week to Mr. G. Collin Hepworth, joint managing director, and it now hangs in the company's new offices. Both the painting and the offices mark Hepworth and Grandage's golden jubilee.

Twin Bereavements

EW companies can have been so unfortunate as Lancashire United Transport, Ltd., in losing two chairmen in four months. Mr. H. M. Alderson Smith, whose death was reported last week, had held the position only since May, when he assumed it on the death of Sir Joseph Nall. These sad losses come at a time when L.U.T. and South Lancashire Transport Co., Ltd., are amalgamating and reorganization is in process.

Paying Game

HOP-PICKING began on Monday at the Stilsted farm of Whitbread and Co., Ltd., and at Beltring on Wednesday. For the first time no special trains were arranged to convey the 1,500 hop-pickers and their baggage from London to Paddock Wood. Most families now travel in their own cars.

Easy Money

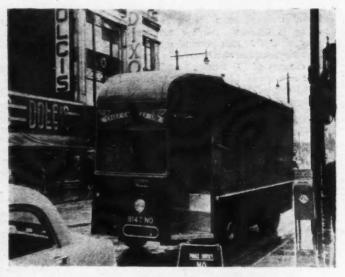
HOP-PICKERS are, however, merely representative of the mass of the public who, according to the Treasury's Bulletin for Industry, increased their expenditure on cars and motorcycles by 277 per cent. between 1950 and 1957. rising trend appears to continue and must be a source of great satisfaction to the Treasury, who have probably taken in tax about half the money spent.

First Paravan in Service

THE prototype Dennis Paravan, fully described in The Commercial Marie 1 in The Commercial Motor on August 8, went into service with Essex Carriers, Ltd., last week. Mr. R. B. Brittain, managing director of the company, instigated the design.

A representative of The Commercial Motor was given the opportunity to drive the vehicle and found that, as well as the advantages gained from the angled near-side front door, giving direct access to the body from the cab, the new van possesses excellent riding qualities and is easy to drive.

(Right) Excellent visibility is given through a deep windscreen and the side windows behind the driver. Entrance is possible from the front or side. (Below) A flat floor to the unobstructed cab allows the driver to dispense with the off-side door during loading and unloading.



Curtailment of the windscreen to accommodate the angled door makes one think, on first sitting in the driver's seat,

be difficult. This was not so in practice, a trial stop ending with the near-side wheels 3 in. from the kerb and in line



Although the semi-elliptic springs are not restrained by shock absorbers, travel unladen was extremely steady. To test this a canister of scouring powder was placed on a packing case over the rear axle on the centre line of the vehicle. A run of 16 miles into Southend and back failed to dislodge it. Only the descent of a steep hill with an undulating surface shifted it from its marked position.

Placing the Perkins P.4(V) engine level with the driver inside the cab might be thought to create excessive noise, but this is not so. Indeed, the volume of noise in the cab was much less than in some forward-control vehicles with a similar engine conventionally situated. As there is no soundproofing under the engine covers, the silence is assumed to be due to the remote location of the fan, which can, in normal application, act as a sound-amplifying baffle.

All controls are light and the gear and hand-brake levers are conveniently placed. Good weight distribution shows up in the lightness of the steering, which requires little effort in slow manœuvring, whilst that judging the width of the vehicle will

New Bedford-Walter 12-seat Bus

IN the past few years more than 30,000 conversions of the Bedford 10-12-cwt. 90-in.-wheelbase van have come off the production lines of Martin Walter, Ltd., 145-147 Sandgate Road, Folkestone. Today, the company announce a publicservice vehicle based on the same chassis. It is marketed free from tax at £725.

Designated the Utilabus P.S.V., the new model is equipped as standard with the heavy-duty springs and tyres to carry weights up to 15 cwt. that are Bedford optional extras. The power unit is the Vauxhall Victor petrol engine of 1,507 c.c., which, in car form, with 6.8to-1 compression ratio develops 54.8 b.h.p. at 4,200 r.p.m.

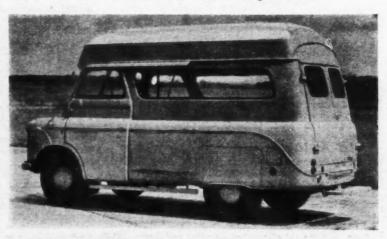
An elevated roof line gives an interior height of 5 ft. 0} in. The roof panel is moulded in translucent reinforced Fibre-

extractor ventilators

In the Martin Walter design, the driver and one passenger travel in normal cartype separate seats. Behind them, 10 more adults can be carried on longitudinal bench seats with special spring cases with foam-rubber overlays, trimmed in p.v.c. cloth.

Interior panelling above the waist line is also finished in washable p.v.c. material. Padded armrests are provided between the plastic-covered handrails at the rear entrance and the body sides. accommodation for parcels and small suitcases exists beneath the seats.

Overall dimensions of the bus are: Exterior height, 7 ft. 24 in. (unladen); width, 5 ft. 104 in.; length, 13 ft. 7 in. The kerb weight is 23 cwt.



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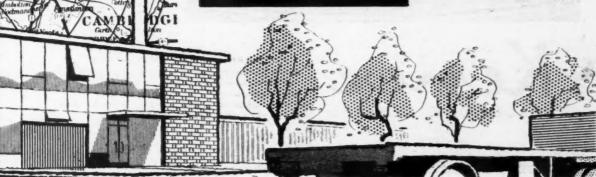
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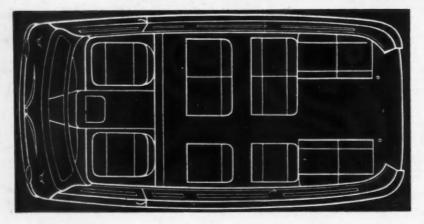
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New Equipment and Publications

Steering Servo

OFFERED as an alternative to the Marles integral power-assisted steering unit, a linkage-type servo has been developed by the Adamant Engineering Co., Ltd., Dallow Road, Luton, for use on vehicles providing insufficient space for the standard unit. It comprises a double-acting hydraulic cylinder, the piston rod of which is anchored to a lug on the chassis.

The cylinder and valve unit move with the steering arm, the drag link from the drop arm being connected to the valve lever at the end

of the cylinder. This directs the fluid to the appropriate side of the operative piston to provide servo action.

Each of the two valves in the unit is controlled by a light and a heavy spring. and the tensions of these springs are so balanced that kicks resulting from road shocks are self-cancelling. A self-centring action proportional to the manual steering effort is provided by

subjecting the face of the control plunger

to a pressure equal to that of the fluid in

the operating end of the cylinder, and it

is stated by the makers that "feel" is also

proportional to the force applied to the

existing between the self-centring force,

combined with the force exerted by the

Because the valves are preloaded, a

light steering effort does not actuate the

mechanism and the vehicle is under direct

control during normal running. In the

event of hydraulic failure, full manual

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unit is employed in conjunction with an

engine-driven pump, a flow control valve

NEW standards covering braking systems of articulated vehicles, fuel-

injection equipment and semaphore-type

direction indicators have been issued by

the Society of Motor Manufacturers and

Traders. The demarcation of work in the

construction of trolleybuses between elec-

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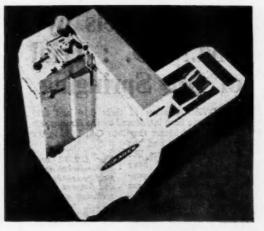
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This is a function of the equilibrium

steering wheel.

(Right) The Hirst 2,000-lb. stillage truck replaces a 10-cwt. model and is of the stand-on battery electric type.



(Left) This picture shows how the Marles steering servo operates on the drop arm. Self-centring action proportional to manual steering effort is provided

bellows in pipe runs, and as they can be installed after tubes place the are in structural apertures need be no larger than the standard bead on the tube. An axial movement 0.35 in. is permissible.

Little more than hand tightening is required to achieve pressure tightness over a large temperature range.

Known as Acflex pipe couplings, they incorporate features employed in aircraft A full range of couplings is available for tubes with outside diameters of 4 in. to 3 in. with 4-in. increments, and of 31 in., 4 in. and 5 in. Another range for tubes of 4-4 in. outside diameter is also offered.

Applying Caulking

TWO guns for applying caulking and an anti-vibration medium for application to metal panels are offered by Expandite, Ltd., Chase Road, London, N.W.10. One of the guns is handoperated whilst the other works off a compressed-air supply. A third type is simplified tool for small garages.

Known as Aquaplas, the sound-deadening and thermal-insulation medium is claimed to stiffen the panels to which it is applied. It may be painted over, and is available in 1-cwt, and 1-cwt, drums.

Stillage Truck

REPLACING a model with a capacity of 10 cwt., a 2,000-lb. stillage truck has been introduced by A. Hirst and Son, Ltd., Meadow Lane, Dewsbury. It is of the stand-on battery-electric type, and measures 2 ft. 6 in. wide by 5 ft. long with a 3-ft, stillage frame. Capable of turning in its own length, the truck has a rear wheel with a 180-degree lock.

The control offers three forward and three reverse speeds up to a maximum of 4 m.p.h. The brake acts on the transmission, and the rear wheel is chain-driven. Raising of the frame is by a separate pump motor unit.

Swedish Lamps

SWEDISH-MADE Johnson auxiliary lamps are now being sold in this country, and certain countries overseas, by Aviamotive Services, Ltd., Accommodation Road, Hodford Road, London. N.W.11. Types available include a driving lamp and a fog lamp, each at



The Johnson Spotfinder.

£3 19s. 6d. plus bracket at 12s. 6d., a reversing lamp at £3 10s. plus 10s. for the bracket, and the Spotfinder.

This unit projects a pencil beam and may be swivelled by hand. Of likely application to ambulances it costs £7 19s. with a 4-in. lens or £8 19s. with a 54-in.

Valuable Directory

THE latest edition of "Farm Mechani-Limited, £1 10s., plus 1s. 6d. by post), although primarily intended for the progressive farmer, in of further than 1st. gressive farmer, is of further value to haulage operators in country areas as it lists and describes all the modern pieces of equipment with which they are likely to deal. As, also, many mechanicalhandling appliances are based on tractors, the summarized test reports on current models in the Directory will be of wider value.

Similarly, various types of auxiliary engine and conveyor-type loader are described, and there is a buyers' guide with references ranging from post-hole diggers to refrigerators.

PIPE couplings capable of accommodating tube misalignment up to in., tube separation up to 1 in. and allowing ±4° tube flexure have been produced by Aero Controls, Ltd., Weedon Road, Northampton. They are stated to eliminate the necessity of metal

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New Models by B.M.M.O.: Trial of Air Springing

MPROVED versions of their S.14 and S.15 models have been introduced by the Birmingham and Midland Motor Omnibus Co., Ltd., in the

D.9 double-decker and the C.5 coach. These types, like their predecessors, have variable-rate rubber suspension, but two \$.14 buses are to be equipped with air suspension for tests. The first of these is expected to be ready for service trials with-

in the next few weeks.

The D.9 is a 72-seater, 30 ft. long and 8 ft. wide. Of integral design, it is of steel construction except for exterior panelling and light-alloy stress panels. The rubber suspension system features independent springing for the front

riding qualities was carefully considered in the design, and an indication of the

success achieved is that the vehicle has

fitted to all wheels and have continuous-

Hydraulically operated disc brakes are

been tilted to over 30 degrees.

The D.9 72-seat double-decker is of steel construction and features rubber springing and disc brakes, with two-pedal control to reduce driver fatigue.

flow servo. The transmission hand brake is of the disc type with cable-operated twin bisector units. The engine is a 10.5litre unit of B.M.M.O. design and construction. Bore and stroke measurements of the six cylinders are 4.88 in. and 5.709 in. respectively. The fuel-consumption rate is stated to be 0.358 pt. per b.h.p.-hr. at maximum torque output,

The C.A.V. pump has 9-mm. elements and there is a two-speed governor and diaphragm-type lift pump. The clutch is a combined fluid and centrifugally operated friction device cutting out at below 800 r.p.m. The self-changing gearbox is semi-automatic and electro-hydraulically operated by means of a manual lever. Ratios are: 4.28 to 1; 2.43 to 1; 1.59 to 1 and direct. Reverse is 5.97 to 1. The fully floating worm axle has a ratio of 5.2 to 1. The transmission system affords twopedal control to reduce driver fatigue.

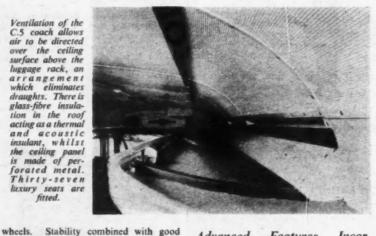
Having a completely new style, the body gives good forward vision for the driver and engine accessibility. Poweroperated doors are fitted to the rear entrance, these are of the double jackknife pattern. Extensive use has been made of Formica and Darvic material for the interior finishing to eliminate repaint-A pleasing appearance has been achieved by the adoption of a colour scheme in peony and white.

Seating capacity has been limited to 72 but can be increased if required. Squabs have been trimmed to give the impression of individual seats. Seat frames are of Accles and Pollock manufacture and the plastics-foam cushions rest on glass-fibre-reinforced resin bases. The 32 seats in the lower saloon are trimmed in

moquette and the 40 on the upper deck in Vynide.

There are individual heaters in each saloon, and 20 twin sliding lights are fitted to the main windows. Auster louvre lights serve to ventilate upper and lower saloons. The wheelbase of the vehicle is 17 ft. 11 in., with a front overhang of

Ventilation of the C.5 coach allows air to be directed over the ceiling surface above the luggage rack, an arrangement which eliminates draughts. There is glass-fibre insulation in the roof acting as a thermal and acoustic insulant, whilst the ceiling panel is made of perforated metal. Thirty-seven luxury seats are fitted.



Features Advanced Incorporated in Improved Versions of Vehicles Already in the Forefront of Current Design



Lantern-type windscreen panels lend a distinctive touch to the smart appearance of the coach, a 37-seater with an 8-litre engine. The roof is a one-piece plastics moulding. Other notable features apparent from this view are the bumpers extending to the wheel arches, and the window in the side door to give the driver a sight of the kerb. 4 ft. 4 in. and a rear overhang of 8ft. 34 in.

Extensive use has been made of plastics in the C.5 coach, the roof being a onepiece moulding. To improve the driver's visibility and to avoid reflections from the interior lights, a lantern-type windscreen has been specifically designed. A hinged door is placed in front of the leading axle, and the emergency door is in the rear off-side bay.

Below the emergency exit is a recessed folding step. Luggage accommodation is provided by a rear boot with a single door hinged at the top and spring-balanced. Front and rear wrap-round bumpers which extend to the wheel arches are noteworthy features of the exterior, the colour scheme of which is the company's red and black.

The 37 seats have individually adjustable headrests and are trimmed in Linton Malton moquette with red Vynide borders. A nylon-rayon mixture material has been used for backs of the seats and the interior lining panels. Ventilation is by means of two bulkhead ventilators in conjunction with hopper-type ventilators in the side windows.

Formation of the ventilators is interesting in that the air is directed from the side over the surface of the ceiling above the luggage rack. In particularly hot weather, the air can be made to flow under the luggage rack, as in normal practice. Result obtained by this arrangement is the elimination of draughts. Two Clayton Dewandre recirculatory heaters are installed, with demister outlets for the windscreen.

A refinement to enhance passenger comfort is the use of glass-fibre material between the roof skins. This serves to reduce the interior noise level and as a thermal insulator.

It is planned to produce 65 of these

vehicles. The engine is a horizontal sixcylindered unit with a capacity of eight litres, bore and stroke measurements being 4.45 in. and 5.25 in. respectively, smaller than those of the engine of the D.9. Fuel consumption is 0.35 pt. per b.h.p.-hr. at maximum torque output. Drive is transmitted through a single-dryplate clutch with a diameter of 15% in. to D.B.4 constant-mesh gearbox with ratios of 4.55 to 1, 2.75 to 1, 1.617 to 1 and direct, reverse being 5.88 to 1. The rear axle is of the fully floating type with hypoid gears and a ratio of 4.78 to 1.

The disc-brake system is of similar description to that of the D.9, and there is likewise a transmission handbrake. Rubber suspension with independent front springing is a further common feature. The vehicle is 30 ft. long and 8 ft. wide. and the wheelbase measures 16 ft. 4 in. Overhang at the front is 5 ft. 11 in. and at the rear 7 ft. 61 in.



New A.E.C. 10-cu.-yd. Dumper

Edbro-B. and E. 15DN Mark III tipping gear with a 12-cylindered swashplate pump gives a 70° tip in 12-14 seconds. The triple-extension slant rams are fitted in a sub-frame, and the last two stages are double acting to provide power return for the body. The tip control gives four positions:

lift, hold, float and power

lowering.

Bodies can be supplied to suit various applications, but the general-purpose body is fabricated from 12-in.-thick plates with a 2-in.-thick hardwood sandwich floor, and has a capacity of 10 cu. yd. A 20°-scow rear end is provided and a canopy extends

to cover the complete length of the cab. Alternative widths of 7 ft. 10 in. and 8 ft. 4 in, are available to suit on- or off-

the-road operation.

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A rock body of 1-in.-thick plate and 8-cu.-yd. struck capacity is also available, whilst for the bulk transport of coal an 18-cu.-yd. body in 1-in.-thick plate can be supplied. In this case the sandwich floor is 1 in. thick, a tail door replaces the scow end, and a short cab-protection canopy is provided. With any version a detachable hydraulically controlled scraper blade is available as extra equipment.

The operating weight of the complete vehicle varies from 10 tons 6 cwt. with the coal-carrying body to 11 tons 1 cwt. with the rock body, and the maximum permissible gross weight off the road is 24 tons.

In future, the Dumptruk will be distributed throughout the United Kingdom only by Scottish Land Development Corporation, 65 Bath Street, Glasgow: R. Cripps and Co., Ltd., Abbey Bridge, Lenton, Notts; and Saville (Tractors), Ltd., Harvester House, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwicks.

MODIFIED version of the A.E.C. A Mammoth Major 6 six-wheeled dumper has been introduced by A.E.C., Ltd., Southall, and it is known as the Dumptruk. The improvements incor-porated are the result of operating experience with the original dumper, and new arrangements have been made for its franchise.

The Dumptruk is offered with one standard specification only, apart from alternative bodies. Many features previously supplied at extra cost are now included in the standard specification.

The vehicle is powered by the A.E.C. 11.3-litre oil engine, which develops 150 b.h.p. at 1,800 r.p.m. The unit is basically standard and has dual paper-element fuel filters and an easily accessible largecapacity A.C. Delco oil-bath air cleaner.

A new all-constant-mesh gearbox, specially developed for dumper work, incorporates robust first, second and reverse gear trains suitable for continuous operation in these ratios. A top power take-off is fitted for the tipping-ram pump drive.

The front axle is an I-section forging with 2%-in.-diameter high-tensile stub axles, and A.E.C. worm-and-nut steering with hydraulic servo is standard. Doublereduction spiral-bevel and double-helical rear axles are employed; a third differential is not fitted, so that traction is not lost on difficult surfaces. The fully articulated rear suspension consists of two inverted semi-elliptic springs.

The chassis frame has pressed-steel side members, & in. thick and 121 in. deep, the flanges being 3f in. wide. The frame is reinforced over the rear bogie and additional strength is provided by the tipping-gear sub-frame. A heavy-duty front bumper incorporates radiator, headlamp and sump guards, and front and rear towing attachments are standard.

An all-steel one-man half-cab of simple construction facilitates repair, whilst good all-round visibility and driving comfort have received careful consideration. Heating and demisting equipment is standard. The complete vehicle is finished in orange gloss paint.

The Dumptruk normally has Dunlop Powergrip 15.00-20-in. (12-ply) single rear tyres and Dunlop Roadtrak Major 11.00-22-in. (14-ply) front tyres. Dunlop Roadtrak Major 10.00-20-in. (14-ply) single front and twin rear tyres can be supplied if required.

Political Commentary

By JANUS

Two Strands

NE significant feature that may be detected in the appointment of advertising agents by the Road Haulage Association for their forthcoming campaign is the evident separation between advertising and what it is now customary to call public relations. Both methods of persuasion will be used, but as far as one can gather for different purposes. The separation corresponds roughly to that between the two lines of approach that have been visible ever since there was talk of a campaign.

Hauliers have previously shown little enthusiasm for generalized advertising on their behalf, whether it is designed to get them more traffic or to enhance their prestige. They have seen more point in it since the Labour Party started to publish booklets on the subject of the control and ownership of industry. The recommendations they put forward have been in extremely vague terms, and therefore almost without value as expressions of policy.

Staunch Retainers

There is good reason for this. The Socialists know that they must make the right nationalization noises to please their staunch retainers, but that they would offend a far greater proportion of the electorate if the noises made sense. The one exception has been in the case of the renationalization of long-distance road haulage and of iron and steel. The brief and definite insistence on this point has shown up all the more clearly against the dim background of platitudes and ambiguities.

The first reaction of hauliers to any political threat is to talk about publicity and advertising. Another development was having a similar effect. Moving in the same direction as the Socialist propaganda, although independent of it, was the fairly heavy expenditure by the British Transport Commission, and more notably by British Road Services, on selling themselves to the public. The tendency is to spend more rather than less, although the size of the fleet has shrunk. In 1952, the year before disposal began, B.R.S. spent £65,494 on publicity. Last year, in spite of the fact that they had sold back to free enterprise more than half their vehicles, the expenditure had mounted to £162,061.

Hauliers saw that it would not be wise to ignore the double challenge from the Labour Party and from B.R.S. Advertising by State-owned road transport might be no more than a business manœuvre, but if as a subsidiary effect there were a shift of public opinion in favour of B.R.S., the political danger to hauliers would increase, and the task that the Socialists have grimly set themselves would be a little less unpopular.

Inconvenient Adherence

The public, in so far as they care at all, have a highly favourable image of free-enterprise road haulage. This image has to be kept untarnished by positive means, that is to say by reinforcing it with suitable publicity rather than by blackening the name of B.R.S. At the same time, the attempt must at least be made to divert the Labour Party from their obstinate and inconvenient adherence to a dogmatism that sees transport only in terms of a monopoly.

It now seems as if the hauliers have made up their minds on how they wish to conduct a campaign directed towards the achievement of both their aims. They are collecting among themselves a fund that they hope will realize £100,000. Most of this, perhaps 80 or 90 per cent., will be spent through the newly appointed agents on buying

space in the Press, and on the other usual supplementary forms of advertising, such as films, exhibitions, leaflets and posters. Television advertising, which some hauliers would like to see used, may have to be excluded from the programme. It is costly; and however delicately the subject is handled, there would be difficulty in separating the commercial and political strands sufficiently to satisfy the television authority that they are not transgressing their charter.

Political Objective

The difficulty is inherent in the theme rather than in its expression through the actual advertisements. The campaign as conducted by the agents is unlikely to have primarily a political objective. Any political flavour that it may have will lie in the palate of the reader. The use of such words as "free enterprise," however neutral in intent, is bound to stir his political senses, favourably or otherwise; just as, however expertly the cook may mix and disguise his ingredients, our taste buds tell us in a moment if he has been using garlic.

It is something of a paradox that the demand for a publicity campaign, and the willingness of hauliers to make contributions for the purpose, although undoubtedly motivated by a political threat, appears to have had, as its first result, an advertising scheme to market their services. However, there is little doubt that the policy is the right one.

People normally look to advertisements to help them choose the best products or services, and not to help them form or change their political opinions. The exception is at the time of a General Election, or when a controversial piece of legislation is actually in preparation or on its way through Parliament. At the present time, the use of advertising space to carry anti-nationalization slogans is not likely to be effective. It will be looked at favourably by people who already believe what it says. The remainder will be hardened in the contrary opinion.

Says a Few Words

The second strand in the campaign will come into use roughly where the first leaves off. Public relations are not like Press advertising, which can be turned on and off at will. They are happening all the time: whenever a haulier writes a letter to his local paper, or puts up for the local council, or says a few words at a meeting of his chamber of commerce, or enters his men for the Lorry Driver of the Year competition; or even when he paints one of his vehicles.

It is this kind of activity that, in the aggregate, influences public opinion. If the next General Election brings back a Socialist government, they will undoubtedly take office with the intention of doing something about renationalization. What action they will take in the end may vary between a reversion to the position before the passing of the Transport Act, 1953—plus some restriction on the C-licence holder—and a comparatively mild amendment in the law so as to permit an increase in the power of B.R.S. to expand.

The public relations side of the hauliers' campaign must to some extent help to determine what point will be chosen between these two extremes. The advertising side will also play its part. The two strands will be all the stronger for being woven into one rope.

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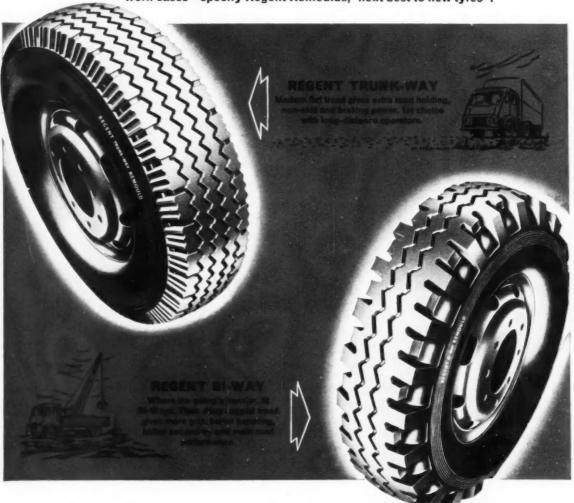
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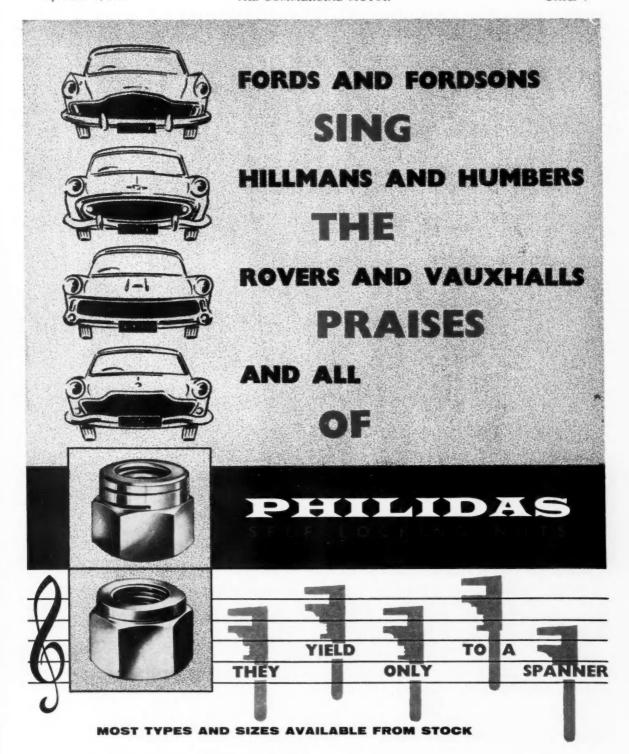
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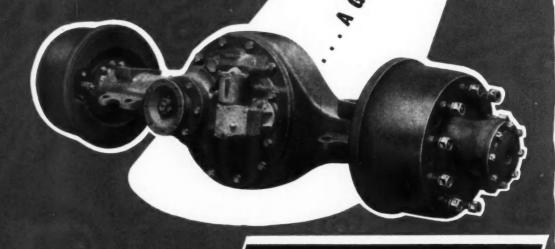
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IME is always an important and expensive factor in commercial-vehicle costing and particularly so when related to the collection and delivery of parcels. medium or long-distance work a fair estimation can usually be made of the majority of jobs for which a quotation is required, given reasonable terminal facilities. With no previous experience in parcels traffic, however, it would be almost impossible for an operator entering this field to formulate an estimated cost per package, varying according to mileage or mileage zones and weight.

This is because so much depends on the time taken to effect each delivery-usually manually-from the stationary vehicle to the premises of the consignee. In these circumstances it is often necessary for an operator to adopt existing schedules of rates applying in his area until he has sufficient cost data based on his own operational experience to make readjustments.

Although in later years it may become less difficult for him to arrive at scales of charges, the high proportion of standing

time remains an expensive item of overall costs. It is for this reason that much thought has been devoted recently to the design of more efficient parcel-delivery vehicles in keeping with both the modern congested traffic conditions and the high cost of labour.

Whilst there is a wide range of parcel vans of varying carrying capacities, two types are particularly popular-the 3-tonners and 5-tonners. The 3-tonner has a capacity in the region of 500 cu. ft., and the 5-tonner, 700-800 cu. ft. Body size is determined largely by the time taken to effect delivery, rather than by the gross weight which the chassis can Moreover, where traffic susceptible to damage is carried, the available space may become as important as the cubic dimensions of the body.

With the increasing difficulties-both physical and legal-of parking vehicles in city streets, manœuvrability becomes proportionately more important. Although not literally standing time, any effort made to obtain an alternative parking position because of the limited manœuvrability of a van involves dead mileage for which no revenue is received. Similarly, good cab access could reduce the necessity of using the rear shutter or doors. When 100 or more collections or deliveries are involved in a day's work, this could have marked effect on the overall time taken to complete it.

This week I will examine the effect of improvements in design on the cost of operation of the vehicle. For this comparison, a 3-ton oil-engined chassis will be used in all three

Costs for 500-cu.-ft. Van

In the first instance it will be assumed to have a standard van body of around 500 cu. ft. and costing £1,400, with an unladen weight in the 24-23-ton category. The annual cost of the licence will be £32 10s., or 13s. per week. Wages based on R.H.(64) grade 1 for vehicles up to 5 tons will amount to £8 19s. after allowance has been made for insurance contributions and holidays with pay. Rent and rates are assessed at 10s. 6d. A comprehensive insurance policy in a mediumrisk area for an A-licence operator would cost approximately £77 a year or £1 10s, 10d, per week. Interest at 3 per cent. adds a further 16s. 9d., making the total standing cost for the week £12 10s. Id. Assuming a 44-hour week, this would amount to 5s. 81d. per hour.

Because of probable congested operating conditions, fuel consumption would be heavier than usual for this class of vehicle. Based on 18 m.p.g. at 3s, 10d. per gal., fuel costs would be 2.56d, per mile, whilst lubricants would add a further 0.23d. With the cost of a set of tyres at around £120, tyre cost per mile would be 0.96d., assuming a life of 30,000 miles. Maintenance is reckoned at 2.29d. per mile, having made some allowance for body repairs.

To ascertain the cost of depreciation, the price of a set of

tyres is deducted from the initial cost of £1,400, leaving a balance of £1,280. It will be assumed that the vehicle operates 300 miles per week, or 15,000 miles a year, and that it is replaced after five years. If it is finally disposed of for 12½ per cent. of the initial cost, depreciation cost per mile will amount to 3.54d. Total running costs would thus be 9.58d. per mile. or £11 19s. 6d. per 300-mile week.

Assuming similar circumstances in the second example, but with the difference that a further £100 was spent on the body with the object of speeding deliveries, some adjustment in the 10 items of operating costs would then be necessary. unladen weight may, though not necessarily, be increased, but I will assume that it will remain the same.

The first three items of standing cost per week will, therefore, continue to read: licences, 13s.; wages, £8 19s.; and rent and rates, 10s. 6d. Insurance and interest would both be slightly higher at £1 11s. 2d. and 18s., respectively, per week, because of the increased initial cost. The total standing cost for these

five items would thus be £12 11s. 8d., which is again approximately 5s. 81d. per hour.

As regards running costs, it is assumed that the alterations to the body would not have any material effect on the first four items, which would remain as: Fuel, 2.56d, per mile: lubricants, 0.23d.; tyres, 0.96d.; and maintenance, 2.29d. Depreciation. however, would now be based on the initial price of £1,500 and adopting the same procedure as before would give a cost per mile of 3.83d. Total running costs per mile would be 9.87d., or £12 6s. 9d. per week, again for 300

As a third possibility, more extensive modifications to the vehicle are envisaged with the same object in mind, increasing the price to £1,600.

On this occasion the cost of licences will be based on the next higher category-24-3 tons-entailing an annual licence duty of £35, or 14s, per week. Because of the higher initial price of the vehicle, insurance will now cost £1 12s, per week and interest 19s. 2d., giving a total standing cost of £12 14s. 8d., and a corresponding cost per hour of 5s. 9\d.

I will again assume that the first four items of running costs remain the same, whilst depreciation is increased to 4.10d. per Total running costs are now 10.14d, per mile, or £12 13s. 6d. per 300-mile week.

Saving 30 Minutes a Day

The number of packages which could be collected or delivered by the driver of such a vehicle each day would obviously vary greatly, not only because of the average weight, but also because of the type of premises to which they were being delivered and the extent of documentation and possible handling of cash. If it is arbitrarily assumed that 100 packages per day were handled, at least 30 minutes per day might well be saved as a result of improvements designed to facilitate the driver's work.

Assuming that with the £1,400 vehicle, 47 hours per week were necessary to complete the standard duties, the total cost of the week's operations would be: Standing costs, £13 7s. 2d. (44 hours plus 3 hours at 5s. 8\forall d.) and running costs, £11 19s. 6d. (300 x 9.58d. per mile); total £25 6s. 8d.

If half-an-hour a day could be saved by the use of the £1,500 vehicle, the corresponding cost of operation would be: Standing costs, £12 11s. 8d. (with no overtime), and running costs, £12 6s. 9d.; total, £24 18s. 5d., showing a saving of 8s. 3d. per week as compared with the standard vehicle

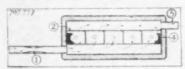
Even if the saving in time is still conservatively assumed to be only half-an-hour per day, with the vehicle costing £1,600, the total operating cost per week of £25 8s. 2d. is only slightly higher than that for the lowest priced vehicle. This figure is obtained by the addition of standing costs of £12 14s. 8d. and running costs of £12 13s. 6d. (300 x 10.14d. per mile).

In other instances it may well be that the assumed saving of half-an-hour per day would be exceeded. - S.B.

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An Exhaust-gas Purifier

PUBLIC interest seems to be awakening to the possibilities of noxious gases being contained in the exhaust from road vehicles and patent No. 797,777 describes a device for eliminating them, particularly from engines using leaded fuel. (Oxy-Catalyst Inc., 115 Conestoga Road, Wayne, Penn., U.S.A.)



The gases from the engine first pass through a venturi (1) provided with air inlets. This is done to supply oxygen to combine with the lead compounds. The gases, plus air, then pass through a casing divided into upper and lower chambers by a box member (2). As the final exit (3) is at the top, the gases must flow through the box assembly.

The boxes are loosely filled with catalytic pellets (4). These are preferably made from alumina impregnated with finely divided platinum, and their action is to convert the lead compounds into oxides which collect in the casing. The oxydizing action also deals with the poisonous carbon monoxide, and converts it into the harmless dioxide.

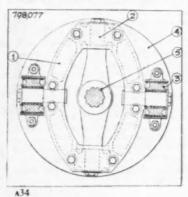
The latter action creates heat which assists in maintaining the best working temperature. This is said to lie in the range 900 to 1,200° F.

HEAVY DUTY UNIVERSAL COUPLING

AUNIVERSAL joint employing rubber bushes is shown in patent No. 798,077. It is said to be suitable for the heaviest of loads as encountered in large road vehicles and railcars. (Laycock Engineering, Ltd., Victoria Works, Millhouses, Sheffield 8.)

In addition to dealing with angular deflections, the joint is also designed to handle axial mis-alignment in which the axes of the two shafts do not intersect.

The drawing shows a general layout of the operative parts. An intermediate member (1) of elliptical outline is provided with four trunnions (2) which are received in rubber-bushed assemblies (3). One pair of trunnions is attached to a



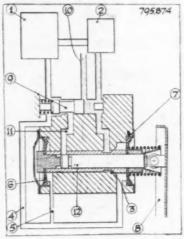
ring (4) on the driving member, the other pair being carried by the driven member (5).

The rubber bushes, in addition to carrying the rotary forces, are also free to deflect radially with respect to the main axis; this is limited in extent but is sufficient to accommodate slight out-of-parallel mis-alignment.

POWER FOR CLUTCH OPERATION

A HYDRAULICALLY powered servo mechanism for operating the clutch of a vehicle is referred to in patent No. 795,874. The subject of the patent is the control valve worked by the driver's pedal. (Girling, Ltd., Kings Road, Tyseley, Birmingham.)

Referring to the drawing, a hydraulic circuit is provided by a tank (1) and a pump (2). The liquid is pumped past a valve seating (3) and returns to the tank via a pipe (4). A branch (5) gives a pressure balance on two flexible diaphragins shown at 6 and 7.



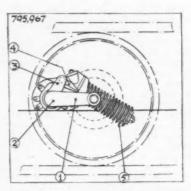
The drawing shows the position when the pedal (8) has been moved to the left. The valve seating is then closed, or nearly so, and the high-pressure liquid (shown dark) has pushed back a piston-valve (9) to admit pressure to the pipe (10) leading to the clutch-operating servo cylinder.

Release of pressure occurs when the valve-sleeve seating is reopened; when this happens the piston-valve opens a port (11) leading to the end of a central plunger (12). This plunger is for the purpose of providing manual operation if the power should fail, and acts as a master piston to work the servo-cylinder direct.

DISC SPRINGS FOR SUSPENSION

PATENT No. 795,967 shows a suspension system in which the resilient member comprises a pack of conical discs which, under compression, are deformed towards the flat state. (Porsche System Engineering, Ltd., 12 Alpenstrasse, Zug, Switzerland.)

The drawing shows how the scheme



would be applied to the suspension of the wheels of an endless-tracked vehicle. Each wheel is journalled on a swinging arm (1) which rocks about an axis (2). Attached to the arm is a shorter one (3), forming a bell-crank to which is pivoted a tic-rod (4). The rod passes through the pack of disc-springs (5) and terminates in a nut and washer. A rubber buffer (not shown) is provided to form the ultimate limit of movement.

IMPROVED CONTACT BREAKER

A CONTACT-BREAKER assembly for an ignition system forms the subject of patent No. 798,660. The chief claim made for the design is that the moving parts are very light and the actual points maintain their relative position throughout the life of the unit. (F. Hooven and Mallory Metallurgical Products, Ltd., 78 Hatton Garden, London, E.C.I.)

The contact (1) is the fixed one, the other being mounted on a flexible spring blade (2) anchored at the end (3). An insulating strip (4) is the cam rubbing member which, as it moves, opens and closes the points.

The chief point of the design is the use of a rocking lever (5). This is of channel section so as to embrace both the spring blade and the rubbing strip, and its curved middle portion acts as a fulcrum. This arrangement is claimed

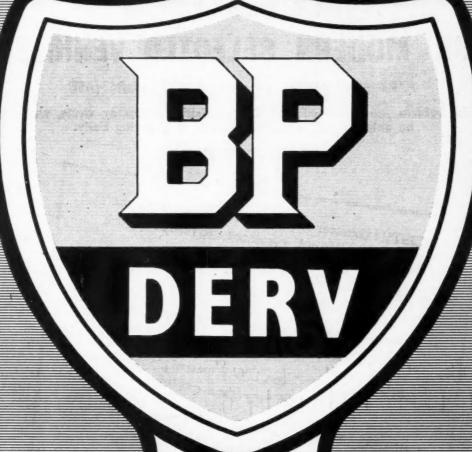


to maintain constant alignment of the two contact points.

The upstanding strip of metal (6) forms a terminal post for the attachment of the lead. Initial positioning of the unit can be made by swinging it about the pivot hole (7).

QUIETER AIR INTAKES

A REAR-ENGINED vehicle having its air intake at the front can produce unpleasant acoustic notes generated by the long air-pipe. Patent No. 793,340. from Daimler-Benz A.G., Stuttgart-Unterturkheim, Germany, deals with a method of preventing such noises.



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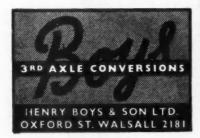
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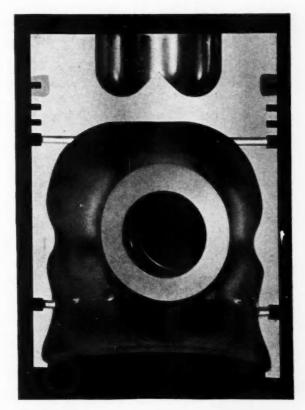
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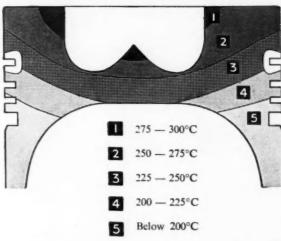
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